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THE SWORD IN THE STONE

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WALT DISNEY'S THE SWORD IN THE STONE

The exciting adventures of a kitchen boy — destined to become a king!

MADAM MIM

WART

MERLIN

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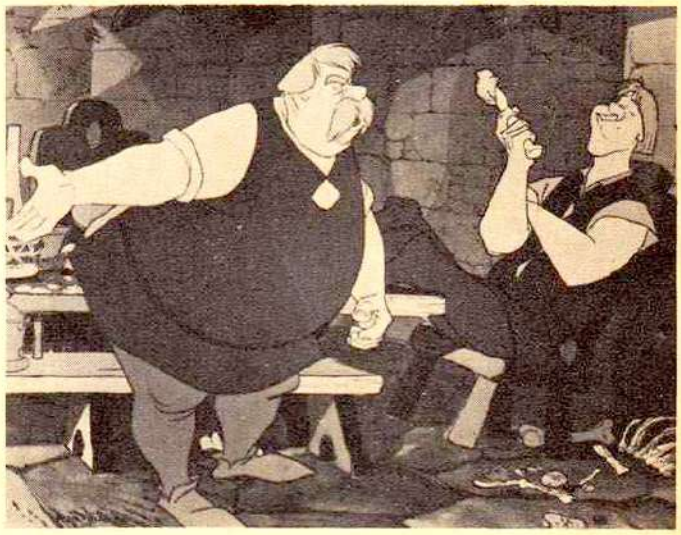
In THE SWORD IN THE STONE you'll meet...

Wart, a kitchen boy with a strange destiny.

Merlin, a magician with modern tastes.

Archimedes, an owl who gives flying lessons.



Ambitious Sir Ector, and Lazy young Kay.

Madam Mim, a witch who likes to play games.

And the wolf, a perpetually hopeful hunter.

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CHAPTER 1

LONG YEARS AGO WHEN ENGLAND WAS YOUNG, AND KNIGHTS WERE BRAVE AND BOLD, A GOOD KING HAD DIED... NO ONE COULD DECIDE WHO WAS RIGHTFUL HEIR TO THE THRONE. IT SEEMED THAT THE LAND WOULD BE TORN BY WAR OR SAVED BY A MIRACLE ALONE...

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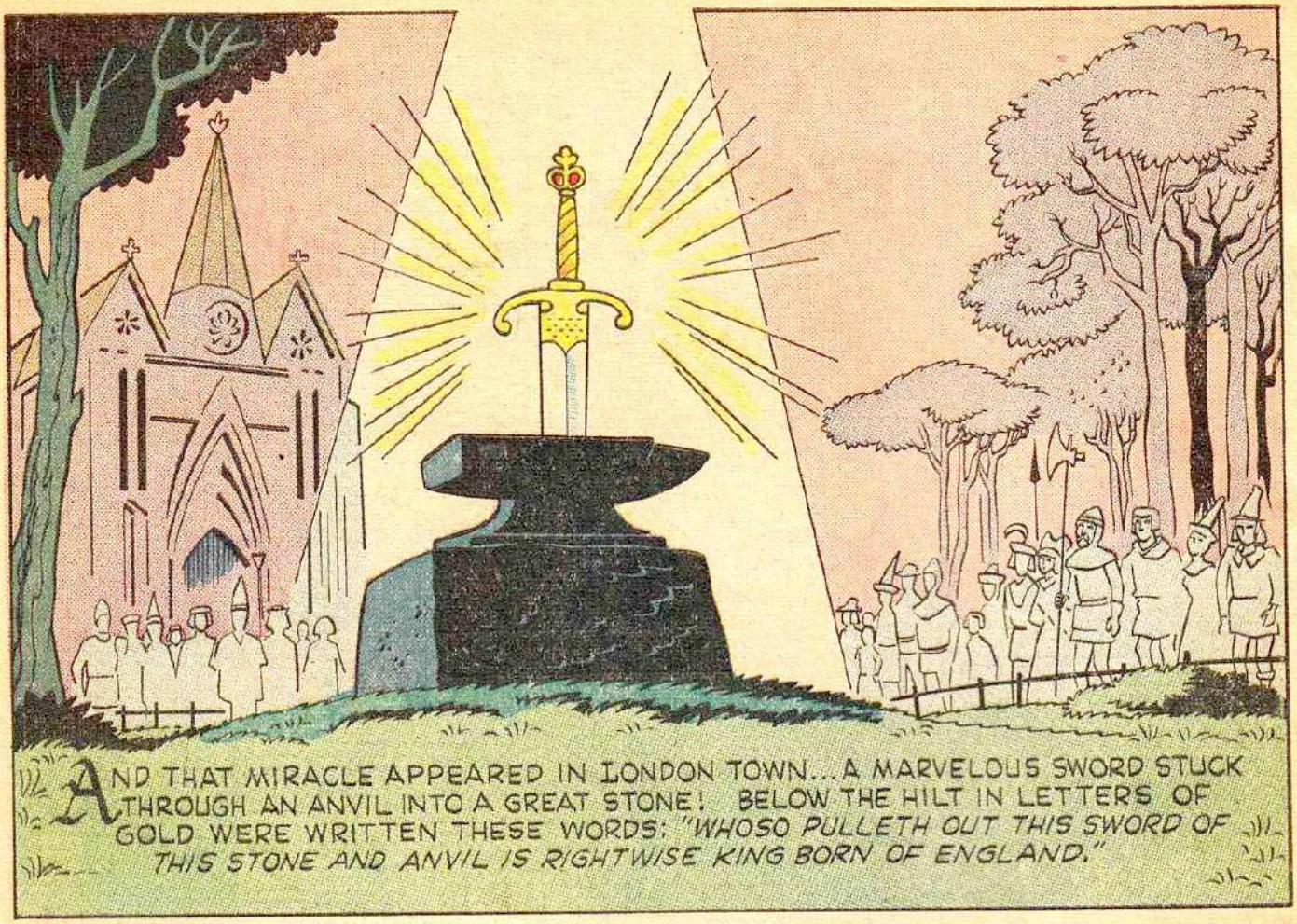
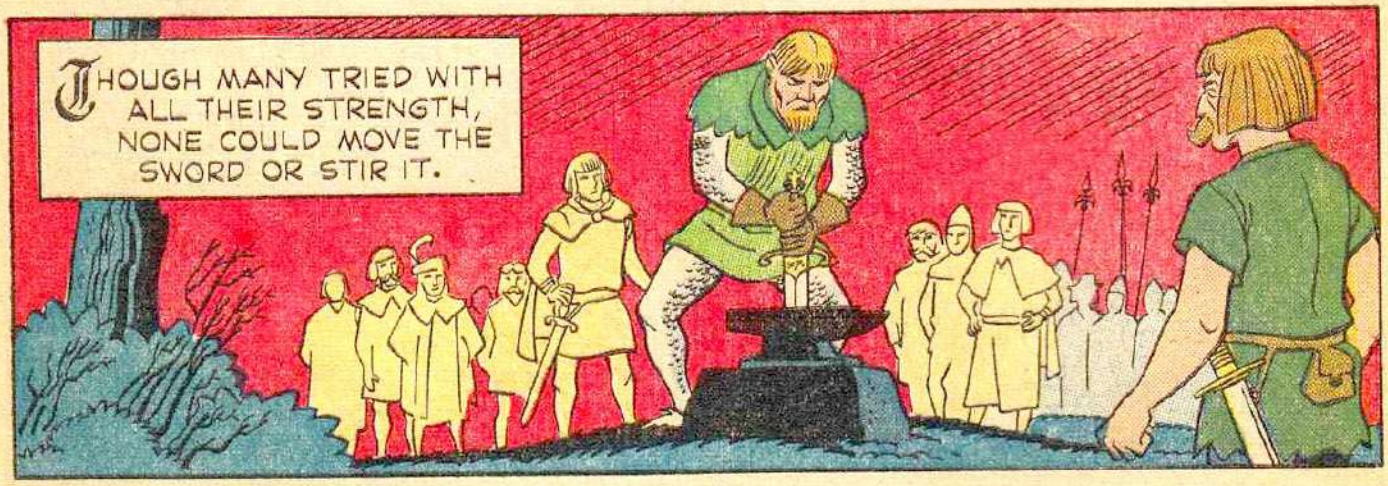
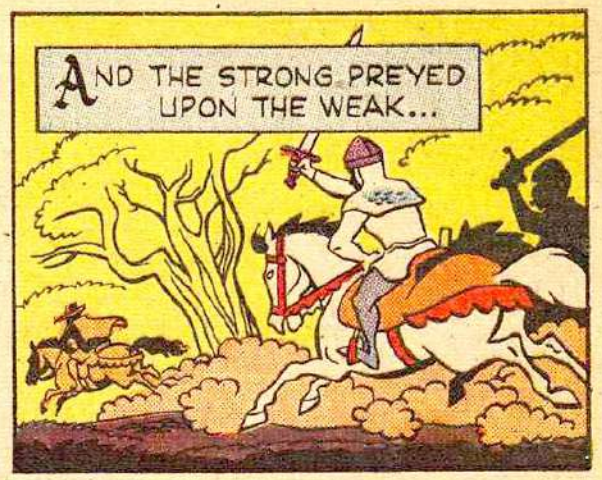
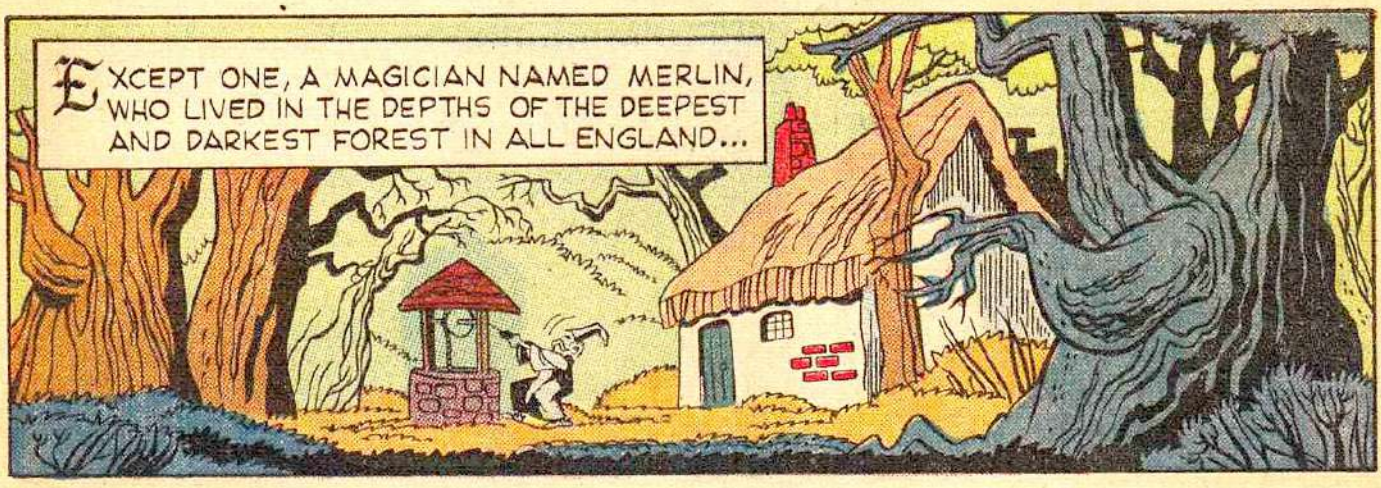

AND THAT MIRACLE APPEARED IN LONDON TOWN... A MARVELOUS SWORD STUCK THROUGH AN ANVIL INTO A GREAT STONE! BELOW THE HILT IN LETTERS OF GOLD WERE WRITTEN THESE WORDS: "WHOSO PULLETH OUT THIS SWORD OF THIS STONE AND ANVIL IS RIGHTWISE KING BORN OF ENGLAND."

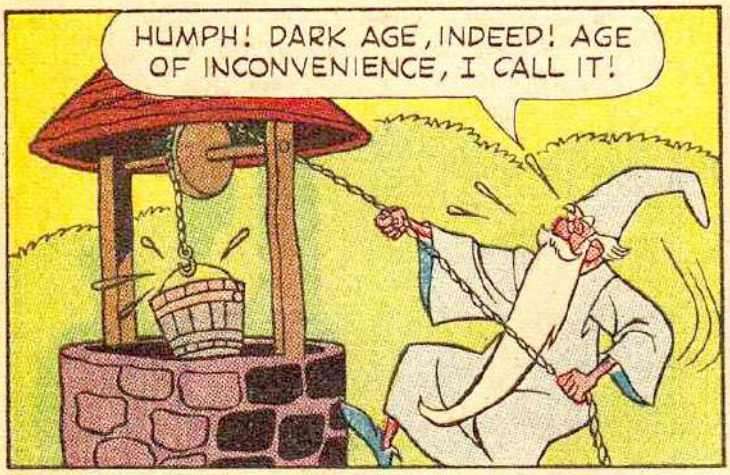

THOUGH MANY TRIED WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH, NONE COULD MOVE THE SWORD OR STIR IT.

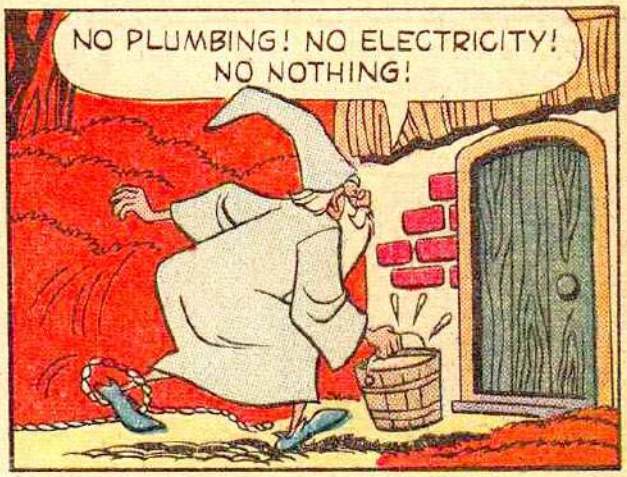
SO THE MIRACLE HAD NOT WORKED AND ENGLAND WAS STILL WITHOUT A KING. IN TIME THE MARVELOUS SWORD WAS FORGOTTEN.

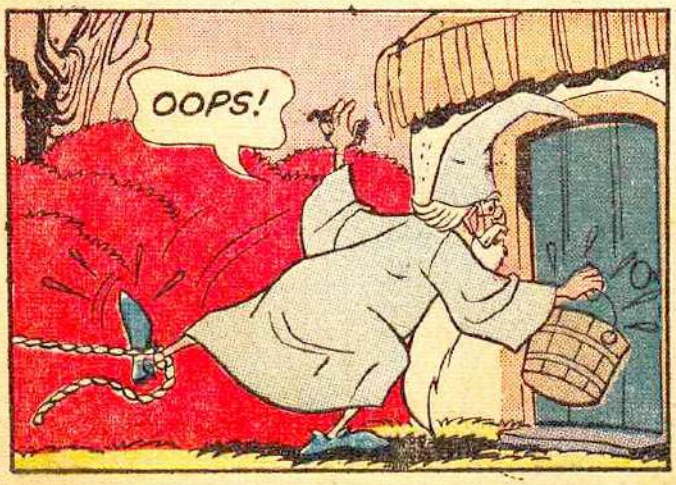
IT BECAME A DARK AGE, WITHOUT LAW AND WITHOUT ORDER. MEN LIVED IN FEAR OF ONE ANOTHER...


AND THE STRONG PREYED UPON THE WEAK...


EXCEPT ONE, A MAGICIAN NAMED MERLIN, WHO LIVED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE DEEPEST AND DARKEST FOREST IN ALL ENGLAND...


HUMPH! DARK AGE, INDEED! AGE OF INCONVENIENCE, I CALL IT!


NO PLUMBING! NO ELECTRICITY! NO NOTHING!


OOPS!

HANG IT ALL! EVERY-THING'S JUST ONE BIG MEDIEVAL MESS!

?
UMM, NOW, LET ME SEE! WHERE WAS I? OH, YES! HE SHOULD BE HERE IN, AH, I'D SAY, ABOUT HALF AN HOUR!

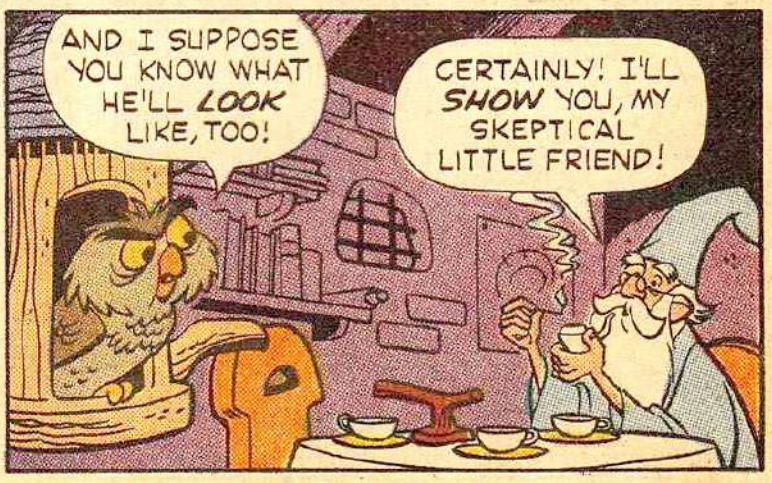
WHO? WHOO? I'D LIKE TO KNOW *WHO?!*

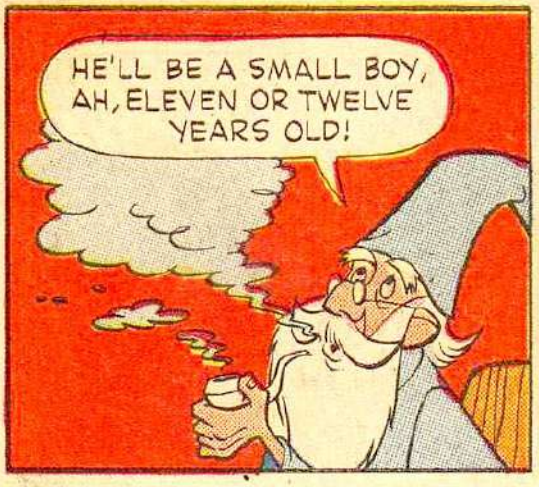
I TOLD YOU, ARCHIMEDES, I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME! ALL I *KNOW* IS, SOMEONE *VERY IMPORTANT* IS GOING TO DROP IN FOR TEA!

FATE WILL DIRECT HIM TO ME SO THAT *I* MAY GUIDE HIM TO HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD!

YOU SAY HE'LL ARRIVE IN HALF AN HOUR? OH, *PINFEATHERS!*
AND HE *WILL!* RIGHT THROUGH THE ROOF THERE!

TH-THROUGH THE *ROOF?*
THAT IS RIGHT!


AND I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHAT HE'LL *LOOK* LIKE, TOO!
CERTAINLY! I'LL *SHOW* YOU, MY SKEPTICAL LITTLE FRIEND!


HE'LL BE A SMALL BOY, AH, ELEVEN OR TWELVE YEARS OLD!

HOCUS SMOKEUS! BRING THE BOY INTO FOCUS!

WHY, AH...NO! NO! SURELY *THAT* CAN'T BE THE ONE! THAT BIG LAD MUST BE CLOSE ONTO *TWENTY!*

WAIT! THERE HE IS! HO! HO! SCRAWNY LITTLE FELLOW ABOUT TWELVE!

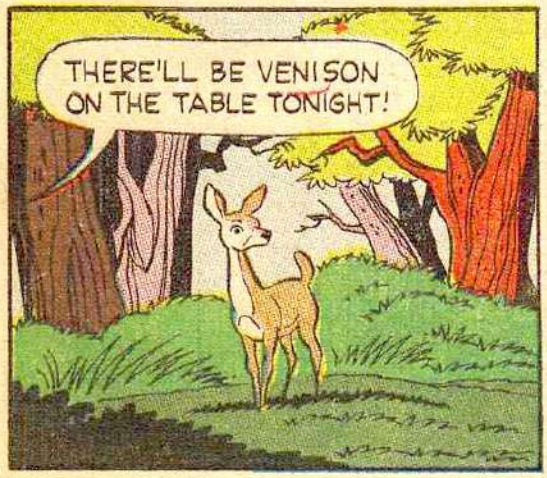
HO, HO! REGULAR LITTLE GRASS-HOPPER, TOO! LOOK AT HIM GO!
AND WHERE WOULD YOU GUESS HE IS AT THIS MOMENT?

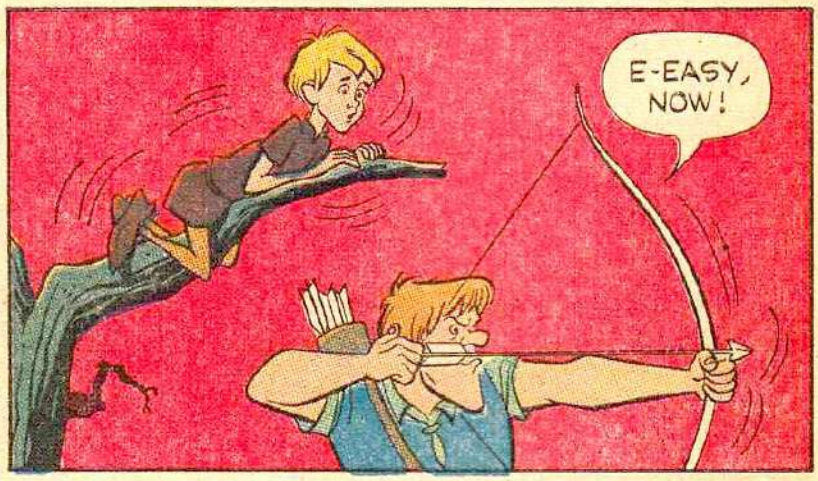
I'M NOT GUESSING, ARCHIMEDES! I *KNOW* WHERE HE IS! LESS THAN A *MILE* FROM HERE, JUST BEYOND THE FOREST!

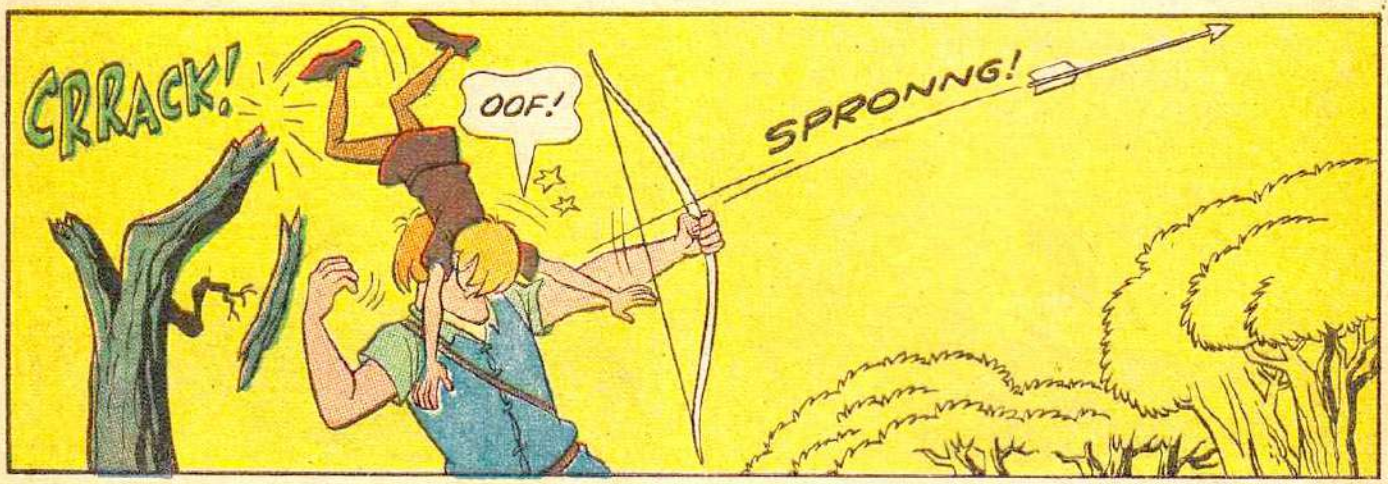
QUIET, WART!
I-I'M TRYING TO BE, KAY!

NOBODY ASKED YOU TO COME ALONG IN THE FIRST PLACE!

AH, HAH! HERE WE GO! WHAT A SETUP!


THERE'LL BE VENISON ON THE TABLE TONIGHT!


E-EASY, NOW!


CRRACK!
OOF!
SPRONNG!

YOU CLUMSY LITTLE FOOL! YOU MADE ME MISS!
I-I'M SORRY, KAY! I COULDN'T HELP IT!

SORRY! YOU'LL BE SORRIER WHEN I CATCH YOU! I'LL WRING YOUR SCRAWNY NECK! SO HELP ME, I WILL!
OH, PLEASE, KAY!

I'LL GET YOUR ARROW! I'M SURE I CAN FIND IT!
UGH!

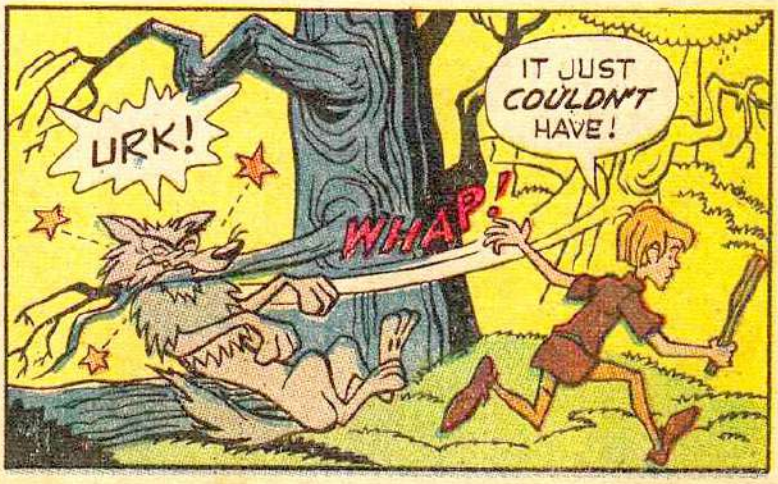
IT MUST BE IN THE FOREST SOMEWHERE!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING IN THERE! WHY, IT'S SWARMING WITH WOLVES!
I-I'M NOT AFRAID!

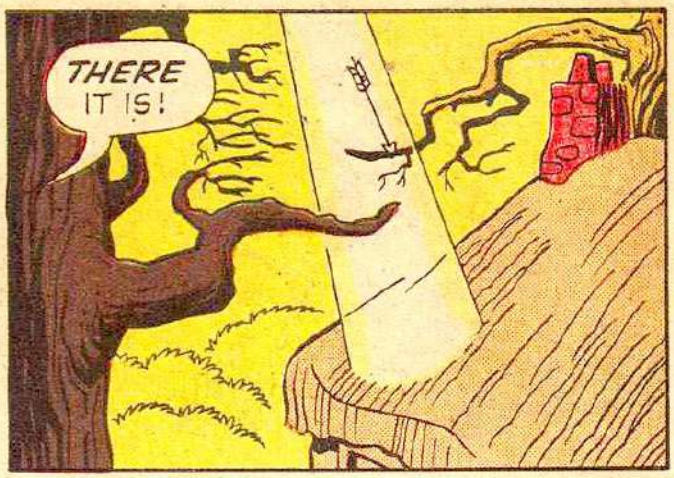
AH WELL, GO AHEAD! IT'S YOUR SKIN, NOT MINE!

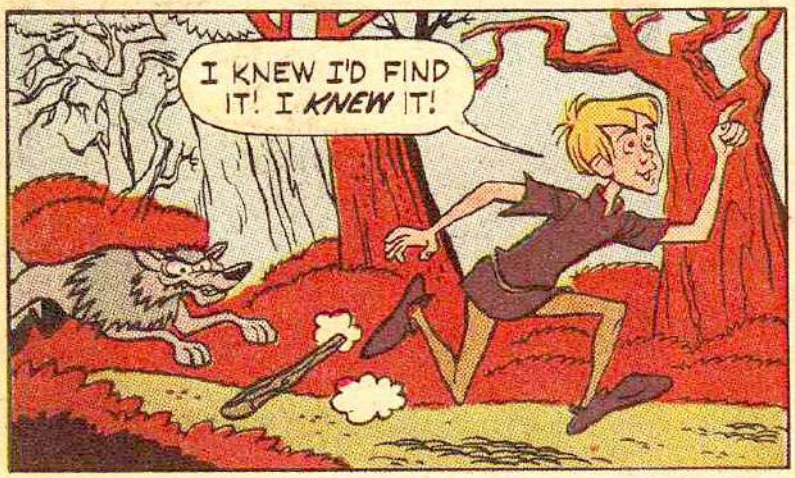
I'M PRETTY SURE IT WENT THIS WAY!

IT COULDN'T HAVE GONE MUCH FURTHER!


URK!
WHAP!
IT JUST COULDN'T HAVE!

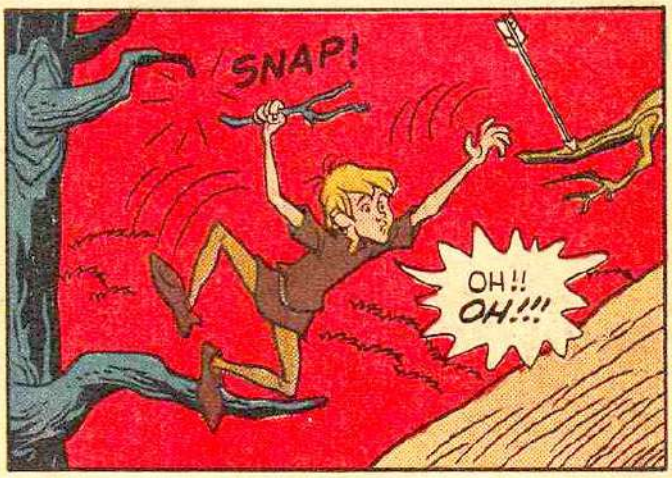
IT JUST HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! MAYBE IT GOT STUCK IN A TREE!


THERE IT IS!


I KNEW I'D FIND IT! I KNEW IT!

PERHAPS KAY WON'T BE SO MAD AT ME NOW!
SNAP!

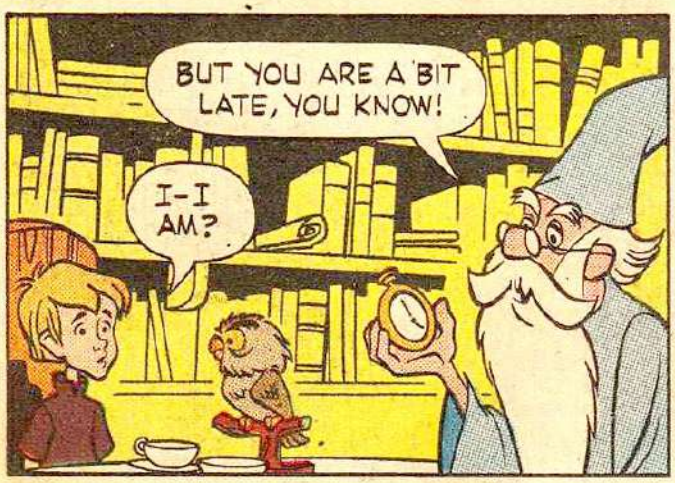
OH, I HOPE I CAN REACH IT!


SNAP!
OH!! OH!!!

YEE-I-I!
CROOSH!

OOF!
THUD!

WELL! (COUGH!) SO YOU DID DROP IN FOR TEA, AFTER ALL! HEH-HEH!
I-I DID?


BUT YOU ARE A BIT LATE, YOU KNOW!
I-I AM?

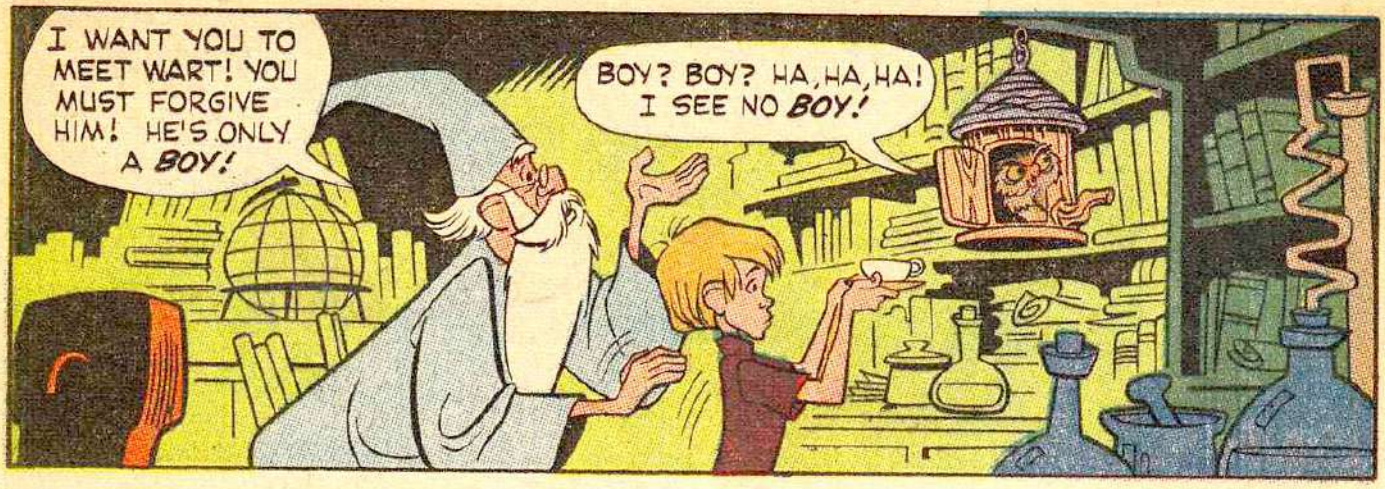
NOW! AHEM! MY NAME IS MERLIN! COME, COME! WHO ARE YOU?

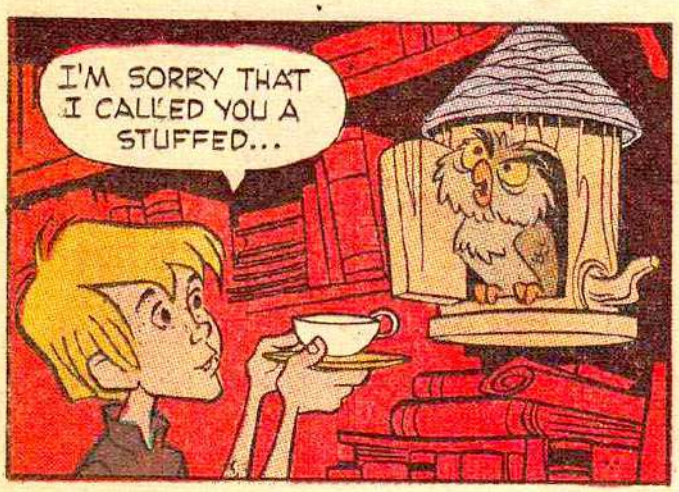
OH! MY NAME'S ARTHUR, BUT EVERYONE CALLS ME *WART!*
WART? HMM!

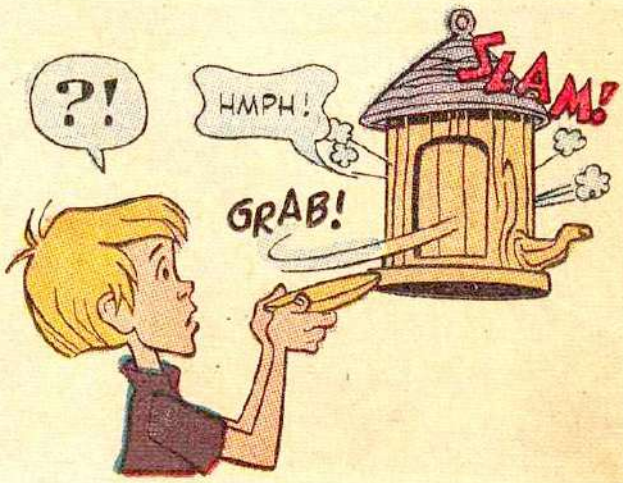
OH, WHAT A PERFECT STUFFED OWL!
STUFFED!? (SPUT! SPUT!) I *BEG* YOUR PARDON!

WHY, HE'S *ALIVE* AND HE *TALKS!*
YES! AND CERTAINLY A GREAT DEAL BETTER THAN YOU DO!

HRMPH!
OH, COME NOW, ARCHIMEDES!


I WANT YOU TO MEET WART! YOU MUST FORGIVE HIM! HE'S ONLY A BOY!
BOY? BOY? HA, HA, HA! I SEE NO BOY!


I'M SORRY THAT I CALLED YOU A STUFFED...

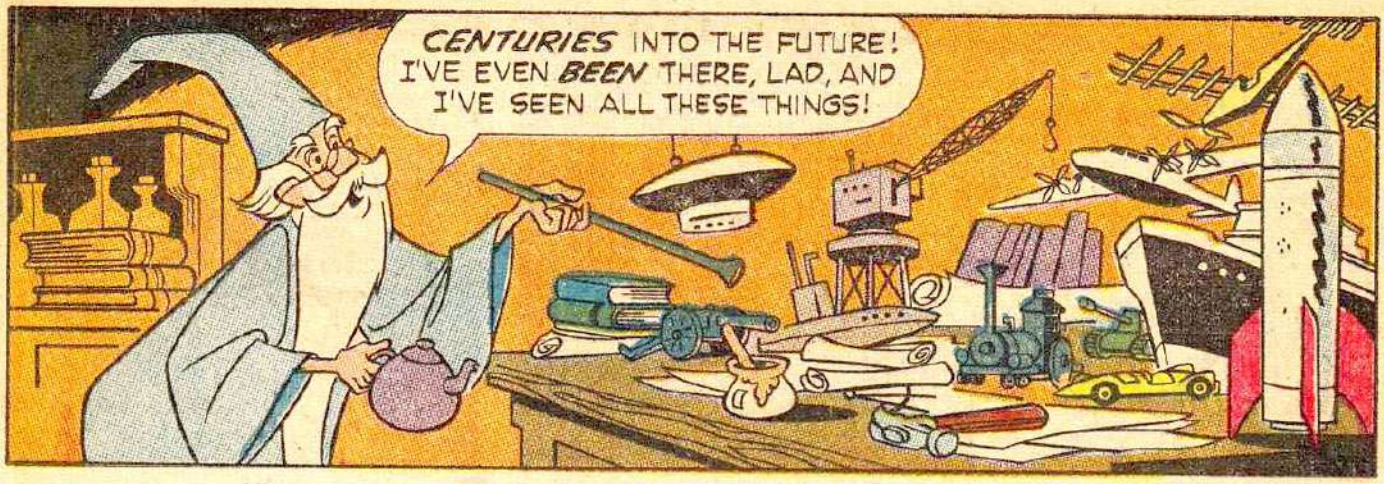

?!
HMPH!
SLAM!
GRAB!

HEH, HEH! DON'T MIND HIM! HE'S MUCH TOO SENSITIVE!
GULP! GULP! GULP!

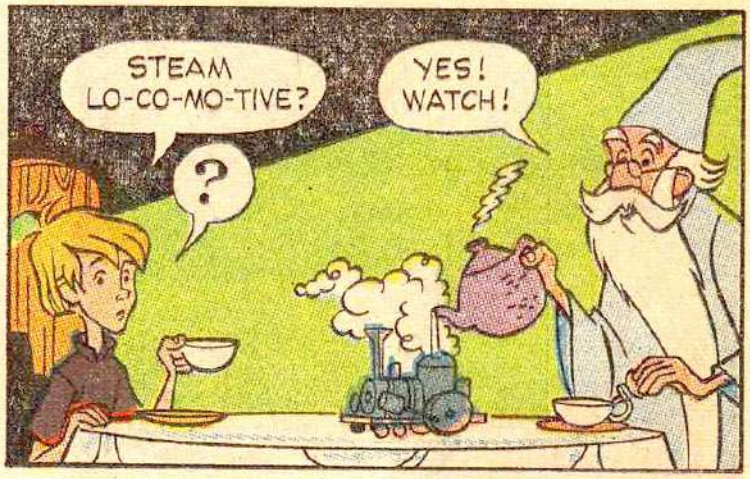
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT...
THAT YOU'D BE DROPPING IN?

I HAPPEN TO BE A WIZARD! A SOOTHSAYER! A PROGNOSTICATOR!

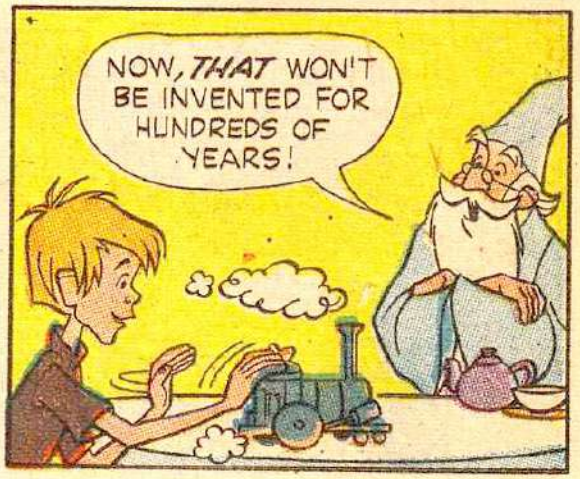
I HAVE THE POWER TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE!


CENTURIES INTO THE FUTURE! I'VE EVEN BEEN THERE, LAD, AND I'VE SEEN ALL THESE THINGS!

THEY'RE ONLY PLANS AND MODELS, OF COURSE! THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE!


STEAM LO-CO-MO-TIVE?
?
YES! WATCH!

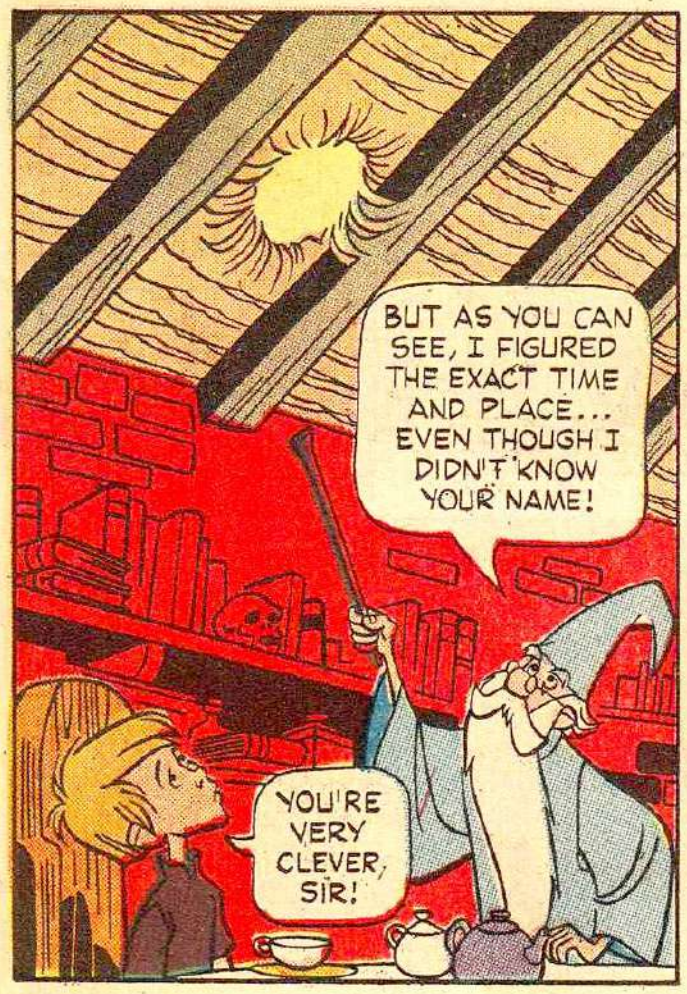
HA, HA! THERE SHE GOES! PRETTY GOOD, EH?
CHUG! CHUG! CHUG!


NOW, THAT WON'T BE INVENTED FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!

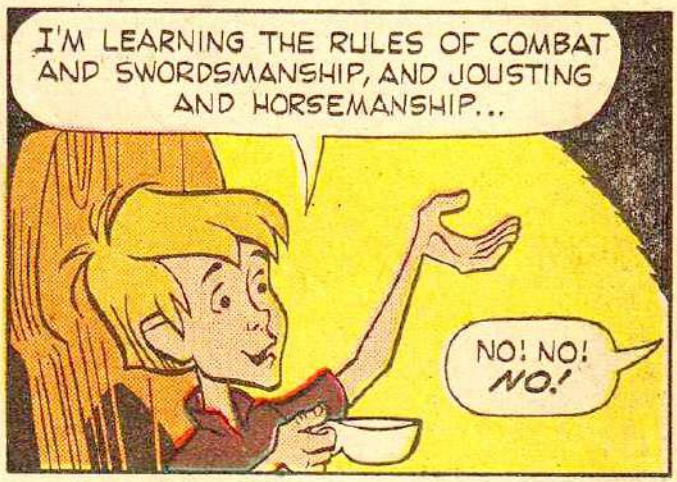
OH! YOU REALLY KNOW EVERYTHING BEFORE IT HAPPENS?
YES! EVERYTHING!
AH-AH-AH!

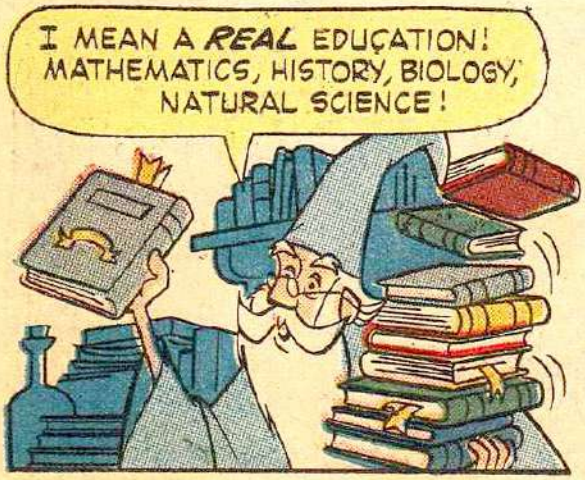
EVERYTHING, MERLIN?
UH, WELL... LET ME SEE NOW...

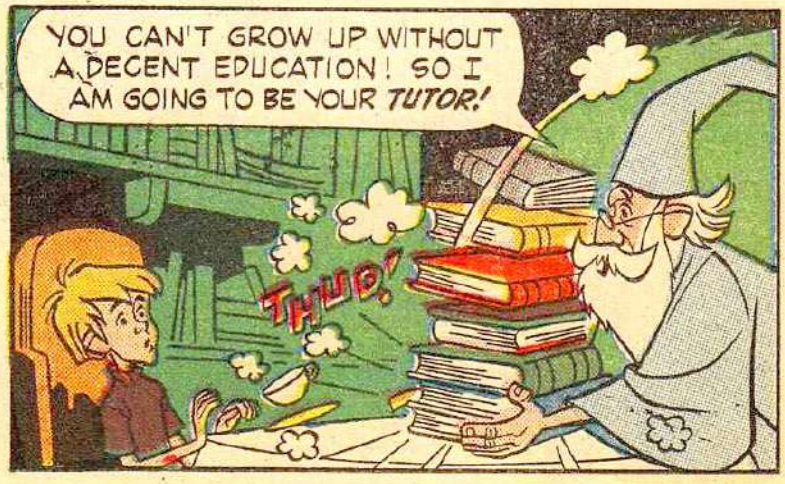
I'LL ADMIT I DIDN'T KNOW *EXACTLY WHOM* TO EXPECT FOR TEA...


BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I FIGURED THE EXACT TIME AND PLACE... EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR NAME!
YOU'RE VERY CLEVER, SIR!

NOW THEN! HAVE YOU HAD ANY SCHOOLING?
OH, YES! I'M TRAINING TO BE A *SQUIRE!*

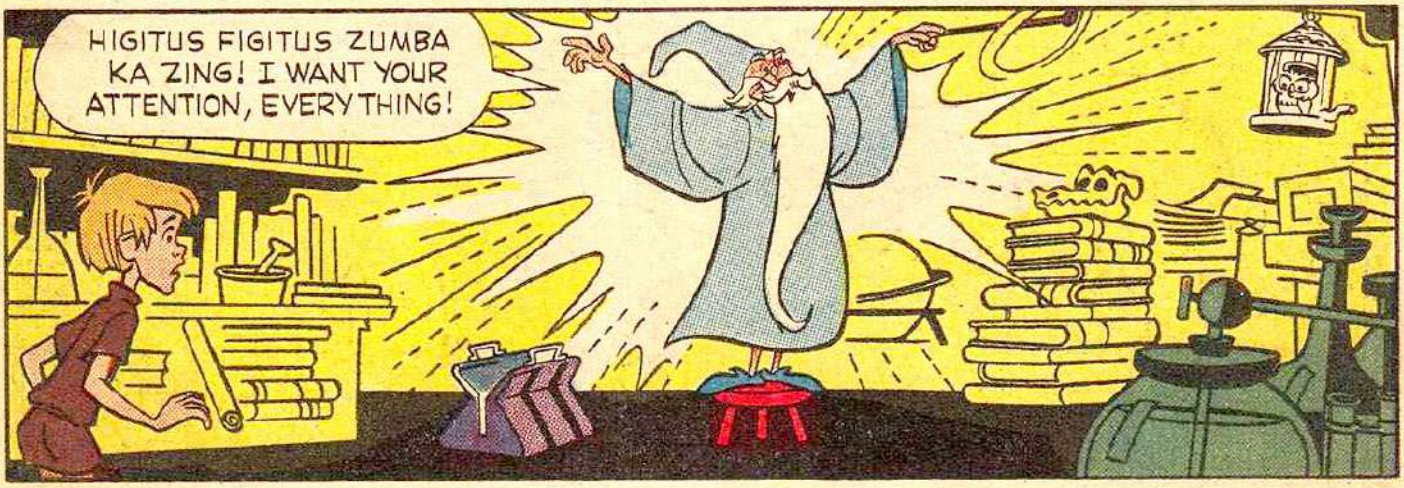

I'M LEARNING THE RULES OF COMBAT AND SWORDSMANSHIP, AND JOUSTING AND HORSEMANSHIP...
NO! NO! *NO!*


I MEAN A *REAL* EDUCATION! MATHEMATICS, HISTORY, BIOLOGY, NATURAL SCIENCE!


YOU CAN'T GROW UP WITHOUT A DECENT EDUCATION! SO I AM GOING TO BE YOUR *TUTOR!*
THUD!

BUT I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO SIR ECTOR'S CASTLE! HE'S MY GUARDIAN, AND THEY'LL WANT ME IN THE KITCHEN!

WELL, THEN! WE'LL PACK AND BE ON OUR WAY! WATCH! YOU'LL LIKE THIS!

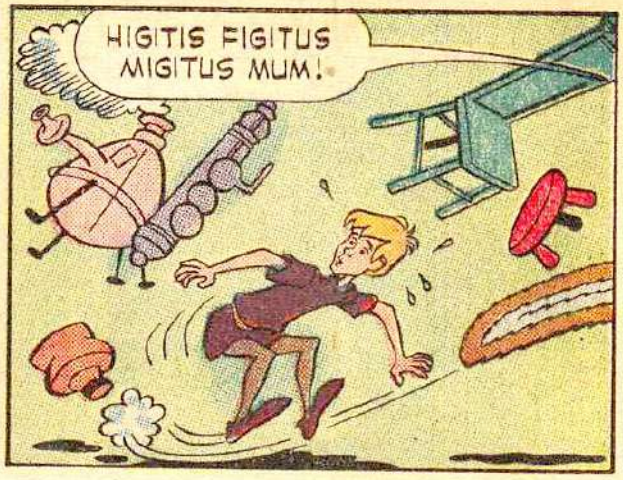

HIGITUS FIGITUS ZUMBA KA ZING! I WANT YOUR ATTENTION, EVERYTHING!

WE'RE PACKING TO LEAVE! NO! NO! NO!
WHIT!
ZIP!
ZAP!

BOOKS ARE ALWAYS FIRST, YOU KNOW!
WHIT!
CLUNK!

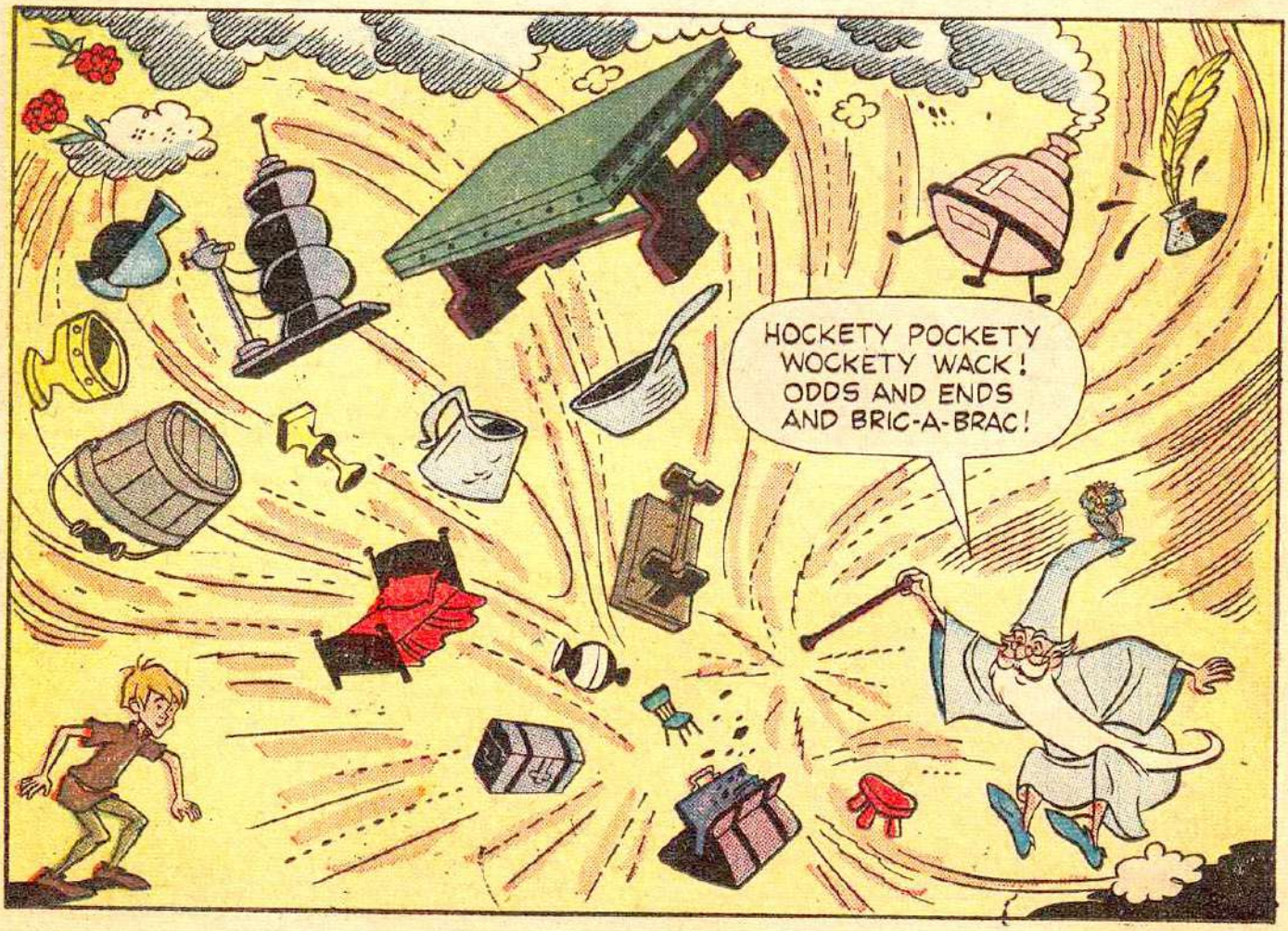
SHRINK IN SIZE VERY SMALL! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR ALL!

ALIKA FEZ! BALIKA ZEZ! MALAKA MEZ MERIPIDEZ!

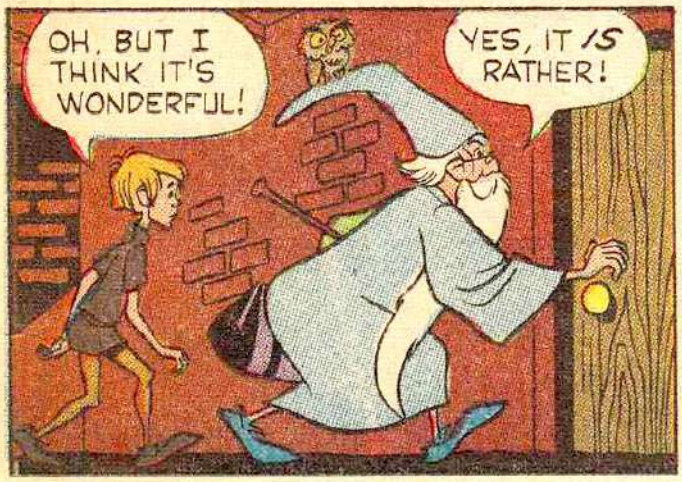

HIGITIS FIGITUS MIGITUS MUM!

PRESTIDIGITONIUM!
ZIP!

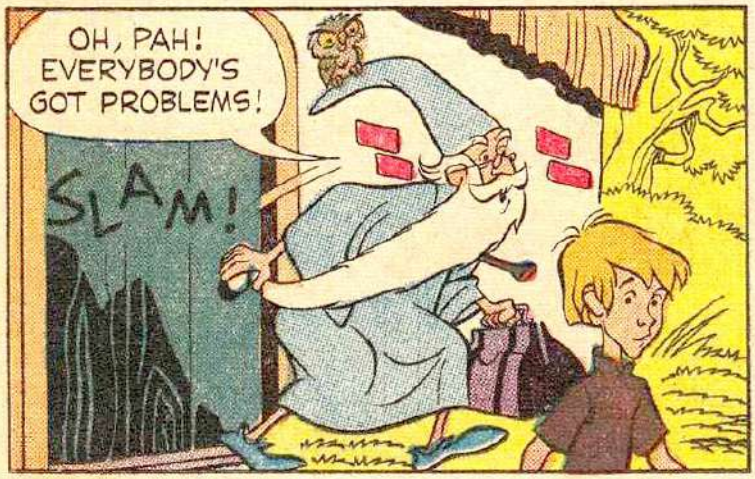
WATCH, LAD! THIS IS THE BEST PART NOW!

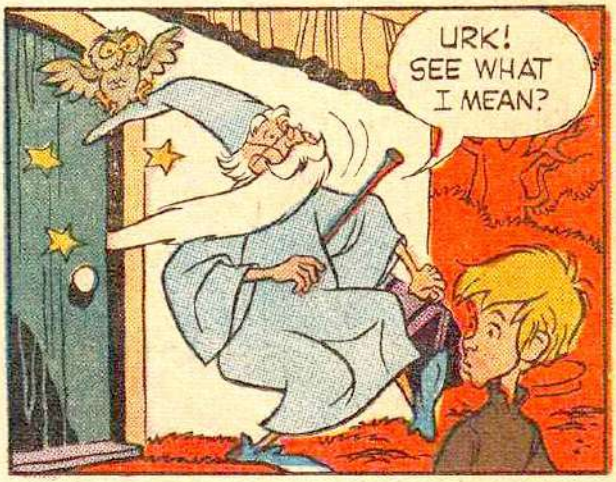

HOCKETY POCKETY WOCKETY WACK! ODDS AND ENDS AND BRIC-A-BRAC!

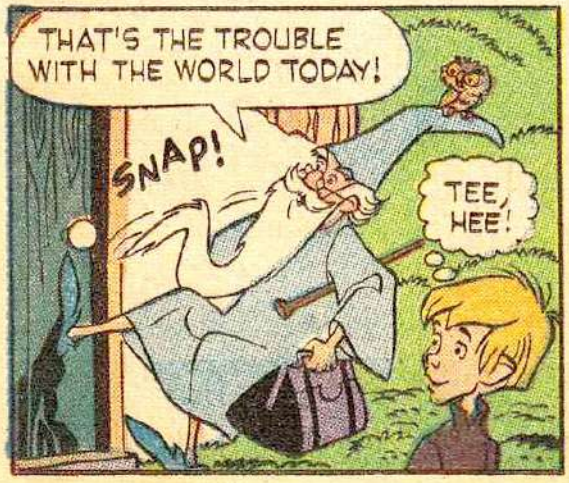
GEE! WHAT A WAY TO PACK!
NOW JUST A MINUTE, BOY! HOW ELSE WOULD YOU GET ALL THAT STUFF INTO ONE SUITCASE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW!
SNAP!


OH, BUT I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL!
YES, IT IS RATHER!

BUT DON'T GET THE IDEA THAT MAGIC WILL SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS, BECAUSE IT WON'T!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS!

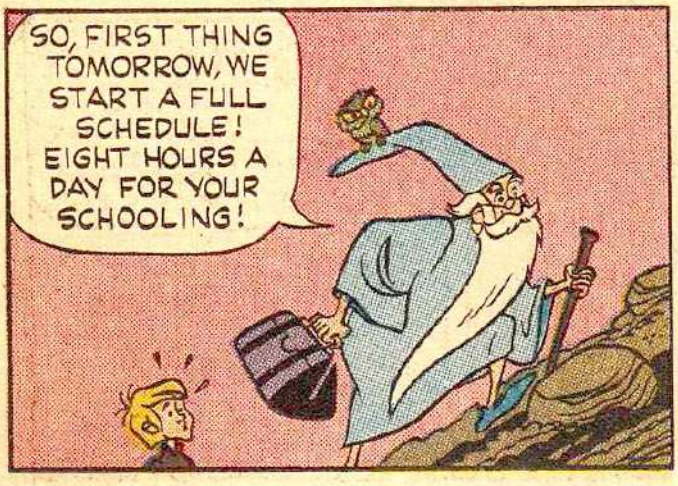

OH, PAH! EVERYBODY'S GOT PROBLEMS!
SLAM!


URK! SEE WHAT I MEAN?


THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THE WORLD TODAY!
SNAP!
TEE, HEE!

EVERYBODY BUTTING THEIR HEADS AGAINST A BRICK WALL! ALL MUSCLE AND NO MENTALITY!

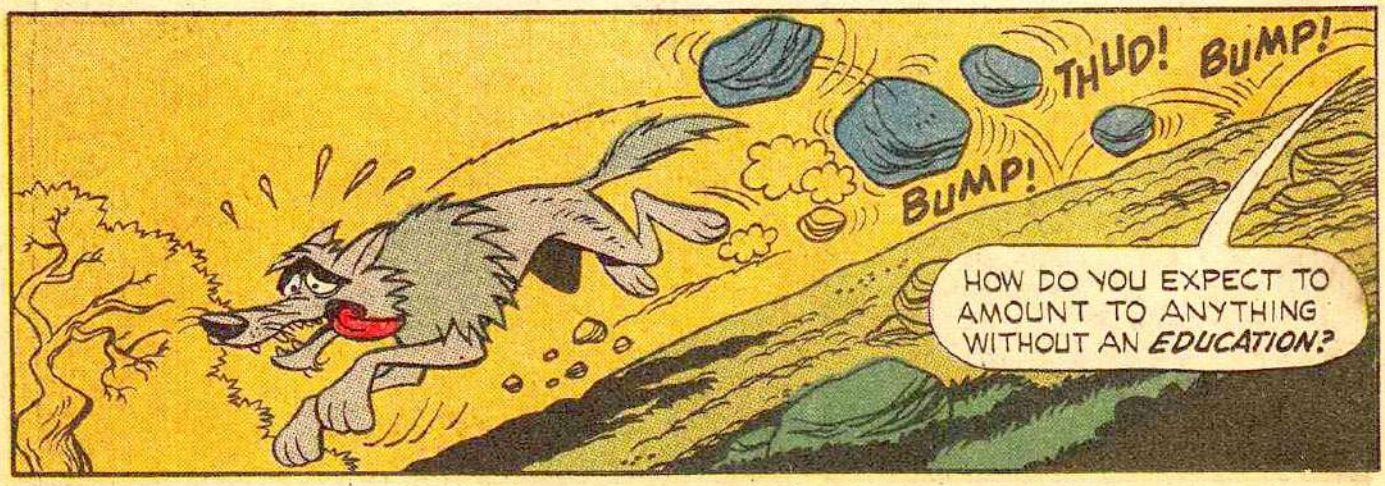
YOU'VE GOT TO DEVELOP YOUR BRAIN! HIGHER LEARNING'S THE THING! KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM— THERE'S THE *REAL* POWER!


SO, FIRST THING TOMORROW, WE START A FULL SCHEDULE! EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR YOUR SCHOOLING!

BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME! I HAVE *PAGE DUTIES* AT THE CASTLE!

PAGE DUTIES, PAH! WE'LL CHANGE ALL THAT! OOPS!

THERE'S GOING TO BE A *SHAKE-UP!*
YES, SIR!
BUMP!
BUMP!


THUD!
BUMP!
BUMP!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING WITHOUT AN *EDUCATION?*

KASPLASH!

EVEN IN THESE BUNGLING, MEDIEVAL TIMES YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, DON'T YOU?
ER, YESSIR!

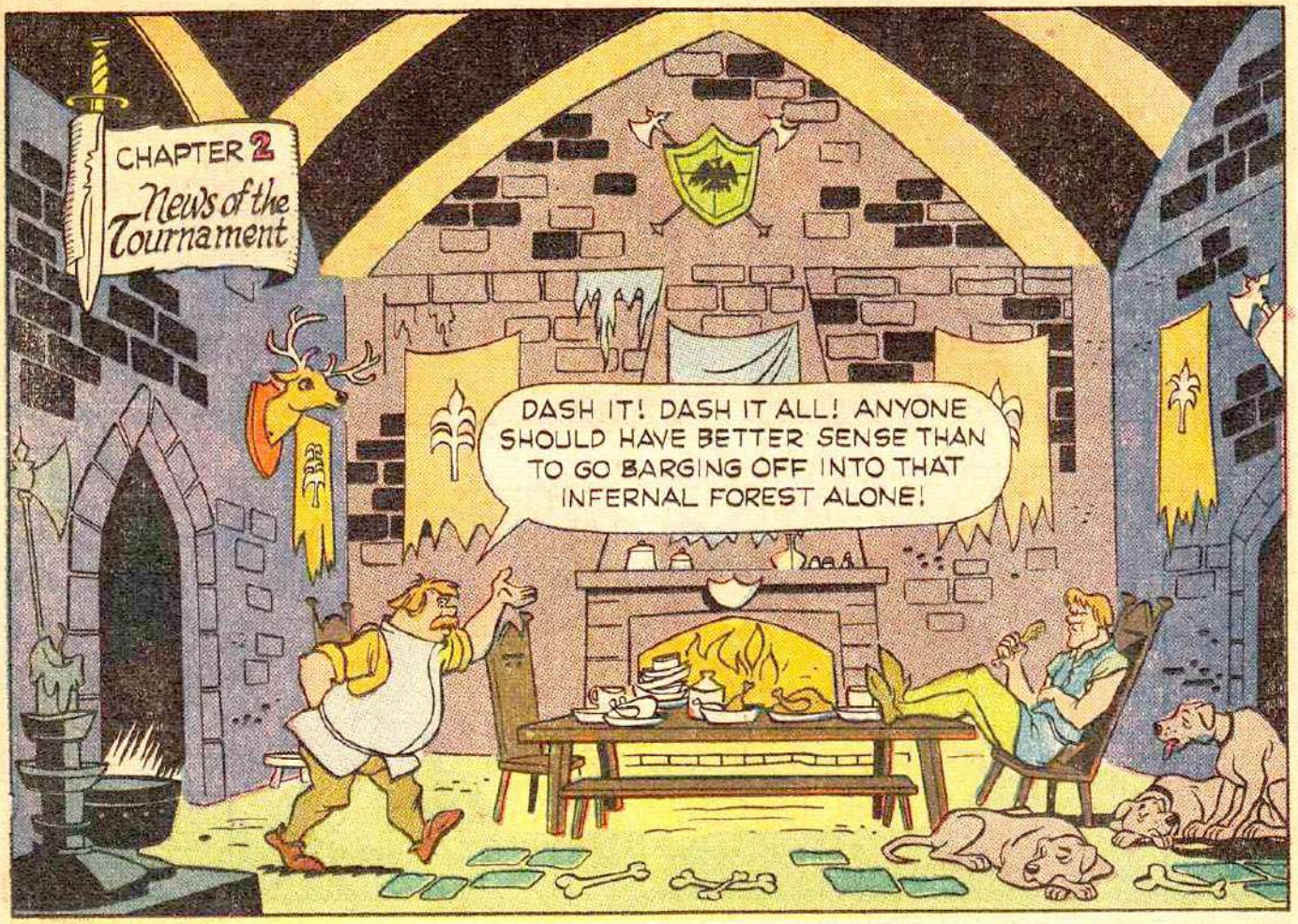
YOU MUST PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, BOY! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND A *DIRECTION!*

ER, BY THE WAY, WHAT DIRECTION *IS* THIS CASTLE OF YOURS?

I THINK IT'S THE *OTHER* WAY!
WHAT?

OH, OH! AHEM! OF COURSE! WELL, THEN WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON!

COME ON, LAD! PICK UP THE PACE! WE MUST GET THERE BEFORE DARK!


CHAPTER 2
News of the Tournament
DASH IT! DASH IT ALL! ANYONE SHOULD HAVE BETTER SENSE THAN TO GO BARGING OFF INTO THAT INFERNAL FOREST ALONE!

YOU HAD NO BUSINESS LETTING HIM GO, KAY!
LOOK, DAD, I'M NOT THE WART'S KEEPER!

WELL, I AM! I ADOPTED THE LAD, AND BEING HIS FOSTER FATHER, I'M RESPONSIBLE!
WURF! WOOF!

ARF!
SO! IT'S YOU!!
WOOF!
URF!

LOOK HERE, WART! WHAT'S THE IDEA GALLIVANTING OFF INTO THE WOODS AND WORRYING THE LIVING DAY-LIGHTS OUT OF ME?
I'M SORRY, SIR!

SORRY'S NOT ENOUGH! FOUR HOURS EXTRA KITCHEN DUTY! REPORT TO THE COOK!
BUT... BUT...

NO BUTS! HOP IT! NEED STRICT RULES TO RUN A BIG PLACE LIKE THIS!
I MOST CERTAINLY AGREE!

EH? WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS *MERLIN*, AND THIS IS ARCHIMEDES, A HIGHLY-EDUCATED OWL!

EDUCATED OWL? HO, HO! THAT'S A GOOD ONE! I KNOW! YOU'RE A MAGICIAN, MARVIN! GOT HIM UNDER A SPELL, HUH?

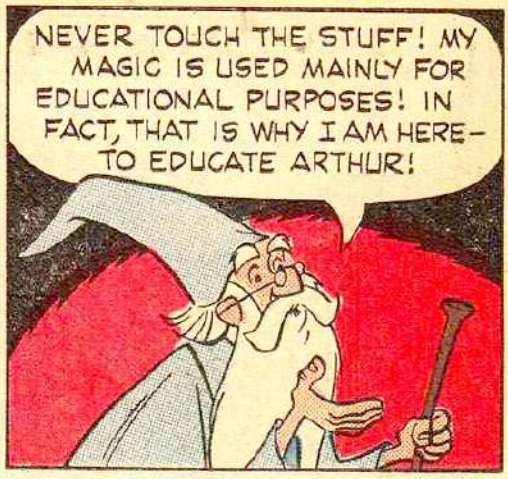
THE NAME IS *MERLIN!* I HAPPEN TO BE THE *WORLD'S* MOST POWERFUL WIZARD!
HO, HO! COME OFF IT, MAN! GADZOOKS!

I SHALL DEMONSTRATE! HIGITUS FIGITUS MIGITUS MO! WIND AND SNOW, SWIRL AND BLOW!
??

HEY! *BRR-R!* WHA-WHAT IN THUNDER ARE YOU UP TO?
WHOOOSH!

THAT'S WHAT I CALL A WIZARD BLIZZARD!
T-T-TURN 'ER OFF, MARVIN! I'M C-CONVINCED!

ALA KA ZAM!
I-UH-HOPE YOU DON'T GO IN FOR ANY OF THAT BLACK MAGIC!


NEVER TOUCH THE STUFF! MY MAGIC IS USED MAINLY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES! IN FACT, THAT IS WHY I AM HERE- TO EDUCATE ARTHUR!

EDUCATE THE WART? OH, NO, YOU DON'T! I'M RUNNING THIS PLACE, SO PICK UP YOUR BAG OF TRICKS AND BEGONE!

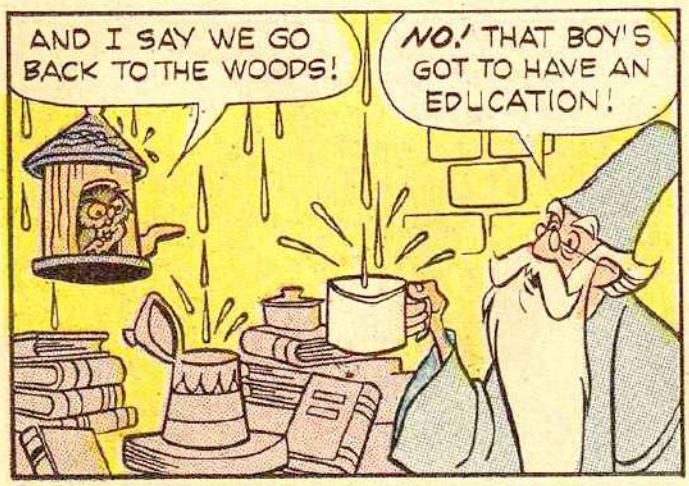
VERY WELL!
POOF!
BY JOVE! HE'S GONE!

BUT MAYBE I'M NOT GONE! SO IF I DO LEAVE, YOU NEVER CAN BE SURE I AM GONE, CAN YOU?
YOU GOT ME THERE, MARVIN! YOU WIN! YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY!

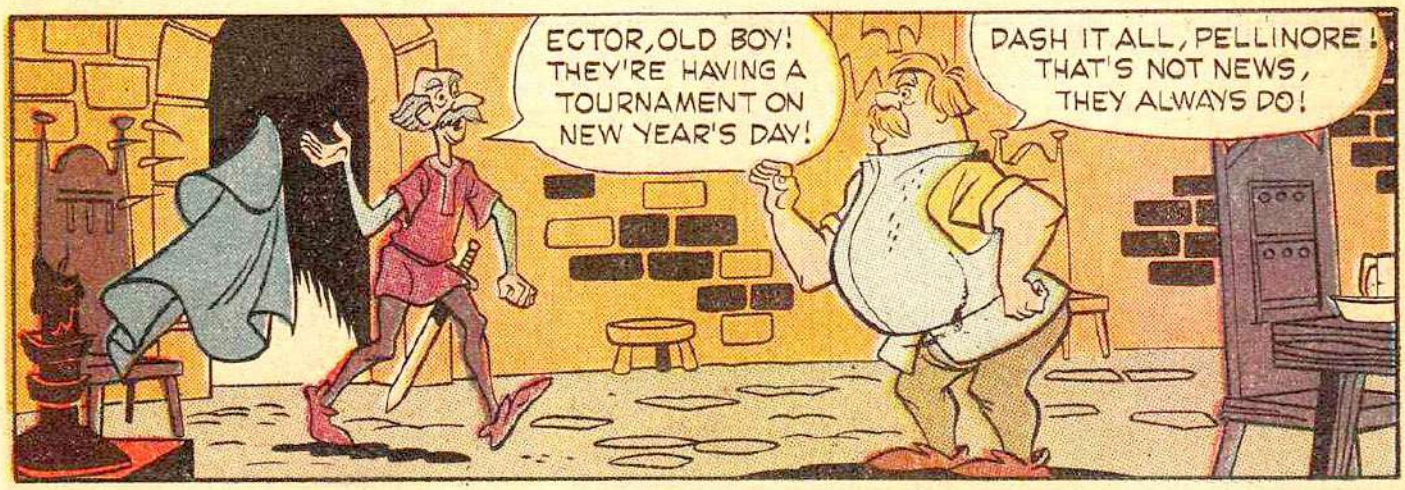
THANK YOU! YOU'RE MOST GENEROUS!
ER-UH-NOTHING AT ALL!... BUT ALL WE CAN OFFER YOU IS ROOM AND BOARD!
POOF!

WE'LL PUT YOU UP IN THE GUEST TOWER! IT'S THE BEST ROOM IN THE HOUSE!

LATER...
BEST ROOM IN THE HOUSE, HAH! BUT IF THAT OLD WALRUS THINKS HE CAN GET RID OF ME, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR HIM! I'M STICKING IT OUT!


AND I SAY WE GO BACK TO THE WOODS!
NO! THAT BOY'S GOT TO HAVE AN EDUCATION!

HARK! WHO COULD BE VISITING SIR ECTOR AT THIS UNSEEMLY HOUR?
OPEN UP! I HAVE BIG NEWS FROM LONDON!
BAM! BAM!


ECTOR, OLD BOY! THEY'RE HAVING A TOURNAMENT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY!
DASH IT ALL, PELLINORE! THAT'S NOT NEWS, THEY ALWAYS DO!

AH, BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT! TO THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT GOES... THE CROWN!

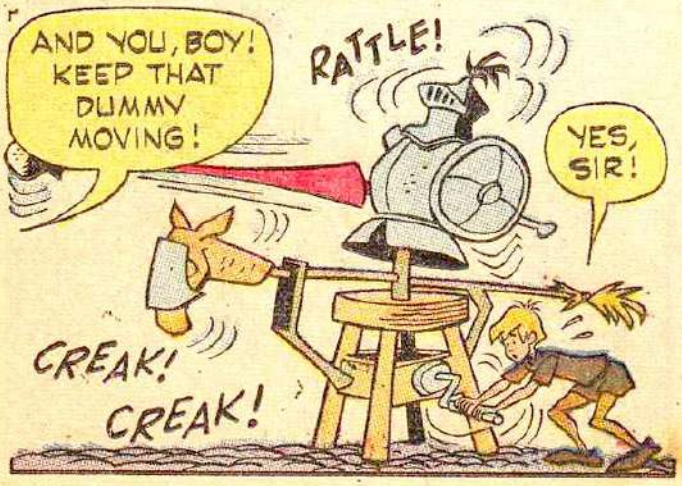
(SPUT! GASP!) YOU MEAN THE WINNER WILL BE KING OF ENGLAND?
KING OF ALL ENGLAND!

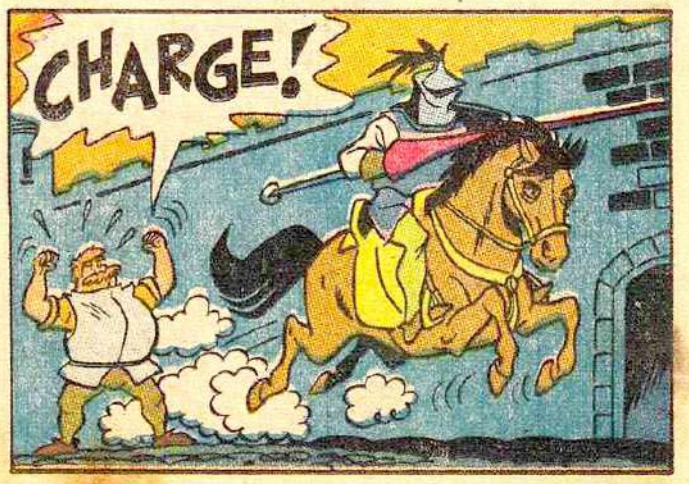
KAY, LAD, YOU COULD WIN IF YOU KNUCKLE DOWN TO YOUR TRAINING! WE'LL HAVE YOU KNIGHTED BY NEXT CHRISTMAS AND OFF TO LONDON!
SURE! WHY NOT?
?

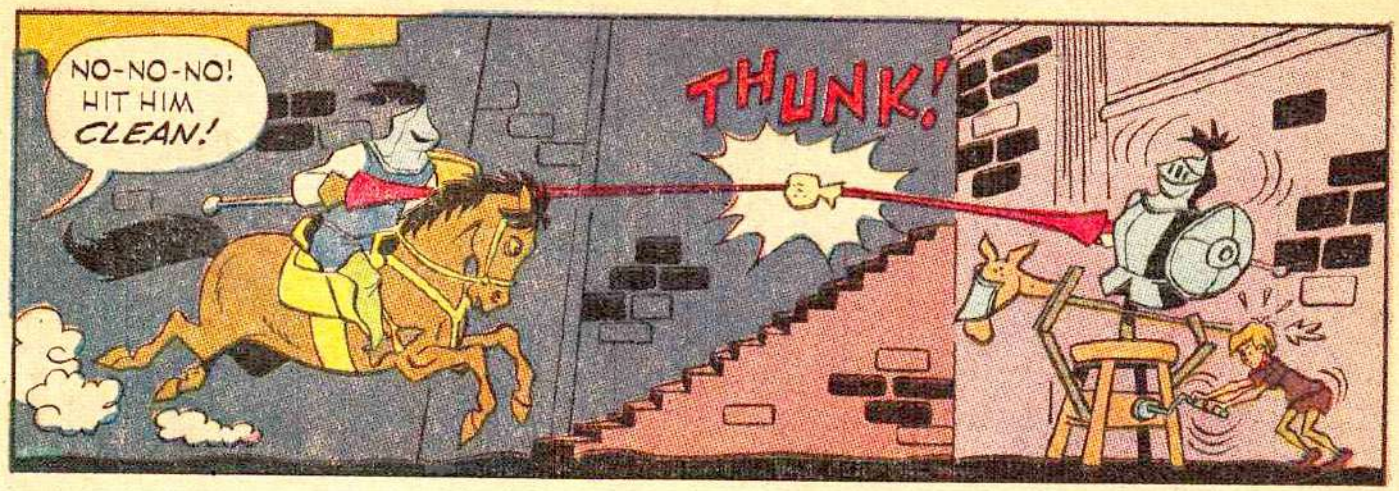
WART, LAD, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO GO TO LONDON?
OH, SIR ECTOR! DO YOU MEAN IT?

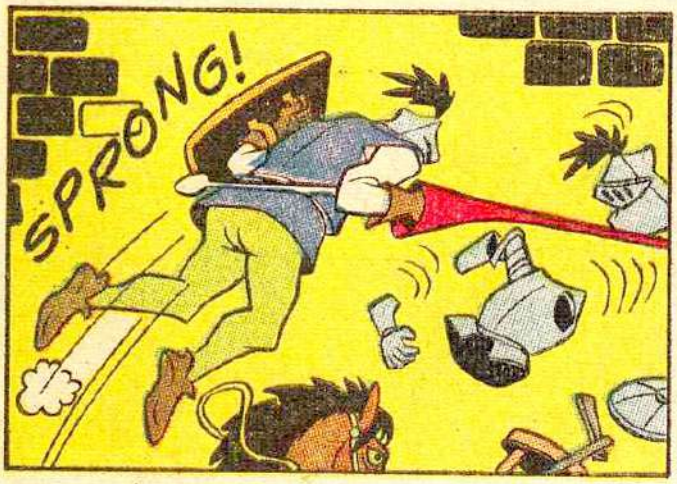
IF YOU STICK TO YOUR DUTIES, YOU CAN BE KAY'S SQUIRE!
OH, I WILL, SIR! I WILL!

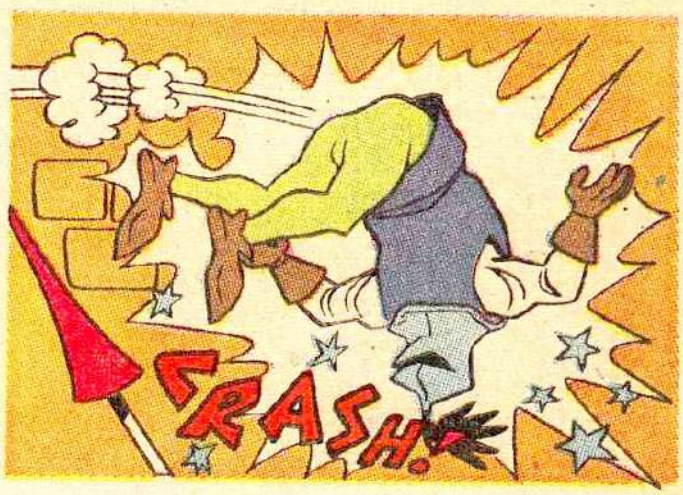
NEXT DAY...
NOW REMEMBER, TIGHT GRIP ON THE LANCE! LOOSE IN THE SADDLE! KNEES IN TIGHT, WEIGHT FORWARD AND STAY ON YOUR TARGET!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT!


AND YOU, BOY! KEEP THAT DUMMY MOVING!
RATTLE!
YES, SIR!
CREAK! CREAK!


CHARGE!


NO-NO-NO! HIT HIM CLEAN!
THUNK!


SPRONG!


CRASH!

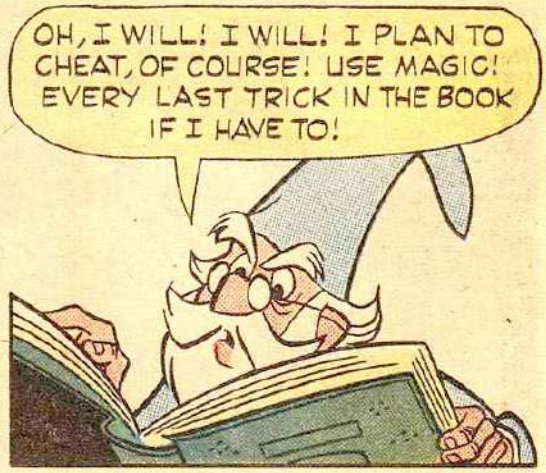
KAY! CAN'T YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING? KEEP A TIGHT GRIP ON THE LANCE!

REMEMBER, JOUSTING IS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF MUSCLE... IT'S A HIGHLY-DEVELOPED SCIENCE!
YEAH! YEAH!

HA! SCIENCE INDEED! ONE DUMMY TRYING TO KNOCK OFF ANOTHER DUMMY WITH A STICK!

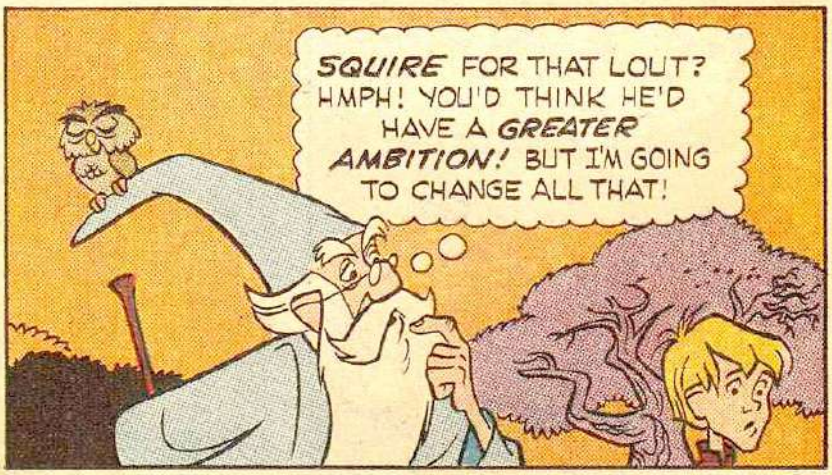
YES; AND THE WART IS JUST AS EXCITED ABOUT IT AS THE REST OF THEM!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE!

I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT HIS ENTHUSIASM IS TURNED IN THE *RIGHT DIRECTION!*
HA! FAT CHANCE OF THAT!


OH, I WILL! I WILL! I PLAN TO CHEAT, OF COURSE! USE MAGIC! EVERY LAST TRICK IN THE BOOK IF I HAVE TO!

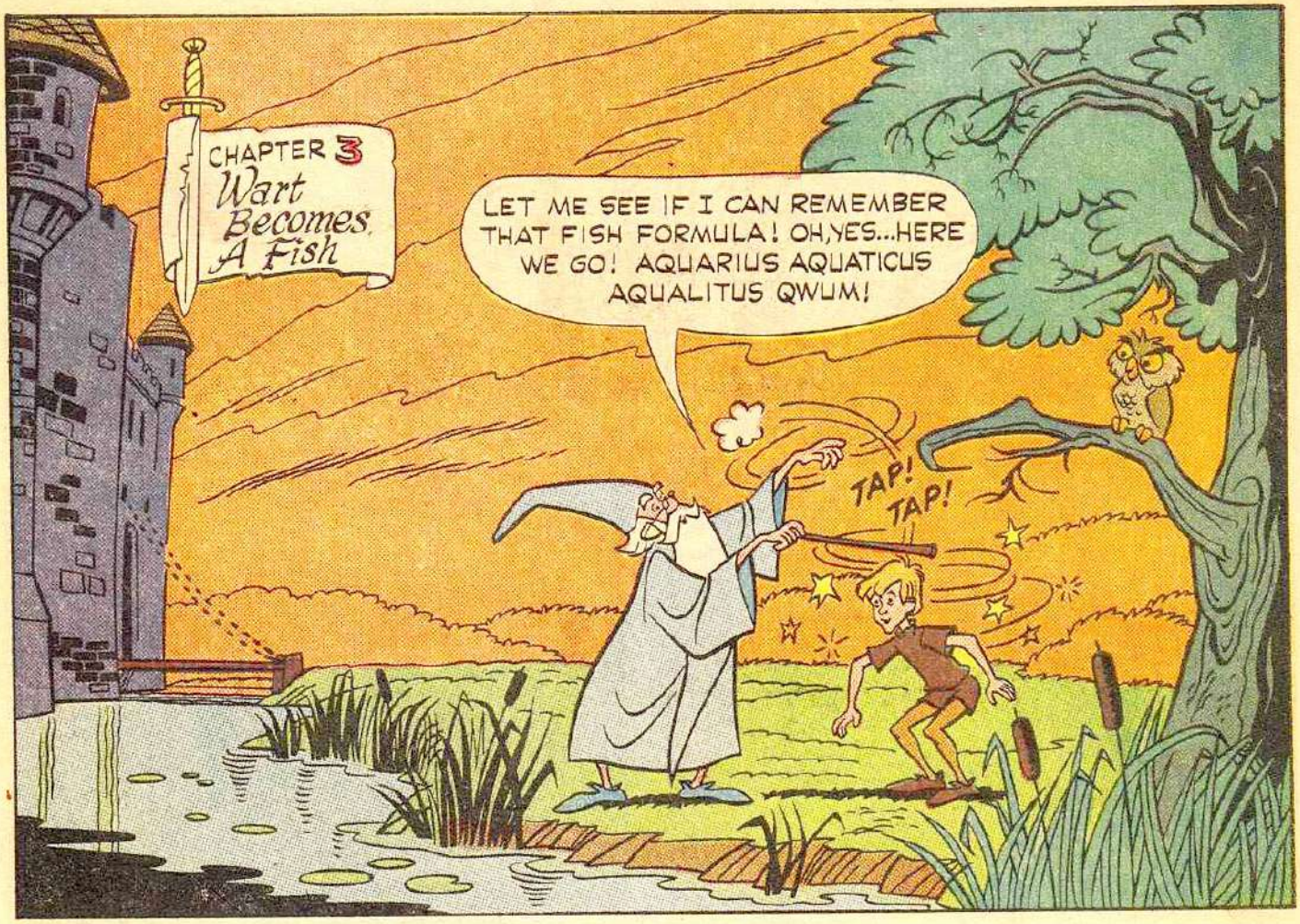
LATER...
WELL, AFTER YOU BECOME A SQUIRE, THEN YOU'LL BE A KNIGHT, EH?
OH, I WISH I *COULD!* I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO GO RIDING ABOUT ON A GREAT WHITE CHARGER FIGHTING DRAGONS AND GIANTS!

BUT, (SIGH!) I'M AN ORPHAN AND A KNIGHT MUST BE OF PROPER BIRTH! I ONLY HOPE I'M WORTHY TO BE KAY'S *SQUIRE!*


SQUIRE FOR THAT LOUT? HMPH! YOU'D THINK HE'D HAVE A *GREATER AMBITION!* BUT I'M GOING TO CHANGE ALL THAT!

SAY, LAD, REMEMBER ONCE I SAID I COULD SWIM LIKE A FISH? WELL, I MEANT *AS* A FISH!
YOU MEAN YOU CAN TURN YOURSELF INTO A FISH?

CERTAINLY! AND I CAN CHANGE YOU INTO A FISH, TOO!
OH, THAT SHOULD BE FUN!

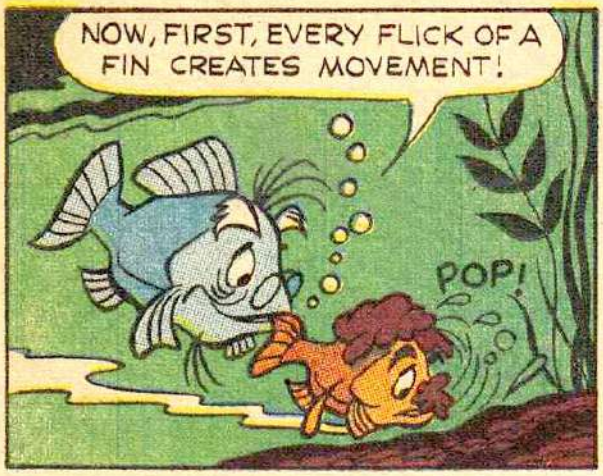

CHAPTER 3
Wart Becomes A Fish
LET ME SEE IF I CAN REMEMBER THAT FISH FORMULA! OH, YES...HERE WE GO! AQUARIUS AQUATICUS AQUALITUS QWUM!
TAP! TAP!

AQUA-DIGI-TONIUM!
FOOMP!
SPLASH!

WHOOP! CAN'T SEEM TO KEEP UPRIGHT!
MERLIN!

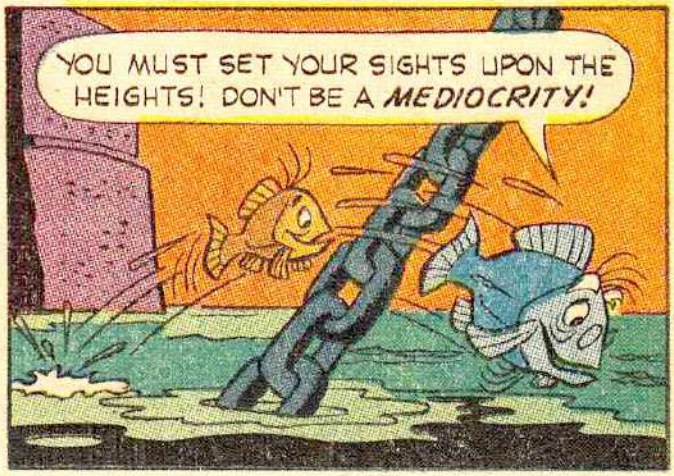
HERE I AM! HEH-HEH! THOUGHT YOU COULD TAKE OFF LIKE A SHOT, DID YOU?
W-WELL, I AM A FISH, AREN'T I?

LOOKING LIKE A FISH DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SWIM LIKE ONE! SO YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR BRAIN!
SPLOOP!


NOW, FIRST, EVERY FLICK OF A FIN CREATES MOVEMENT!
POP!

LET'S GET THE RHYTHM! ONE, TWO! LEFT, RIGHT! BACK AND FORTH!

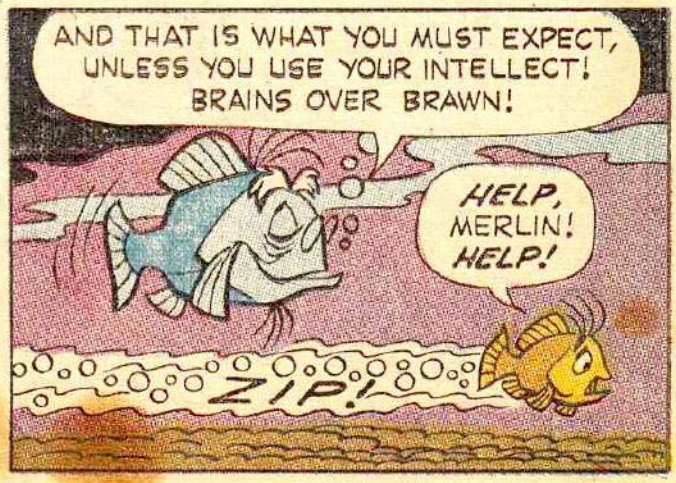
FOR EVERY HIGH THERE IS A LOW! ♫ FOR EVERY TO THERE IS A FRO!


YOU MUST SET YOUR SIGHTS UPON THE HEIGHTS! DON'T BE A *MEDIOCRITY!*

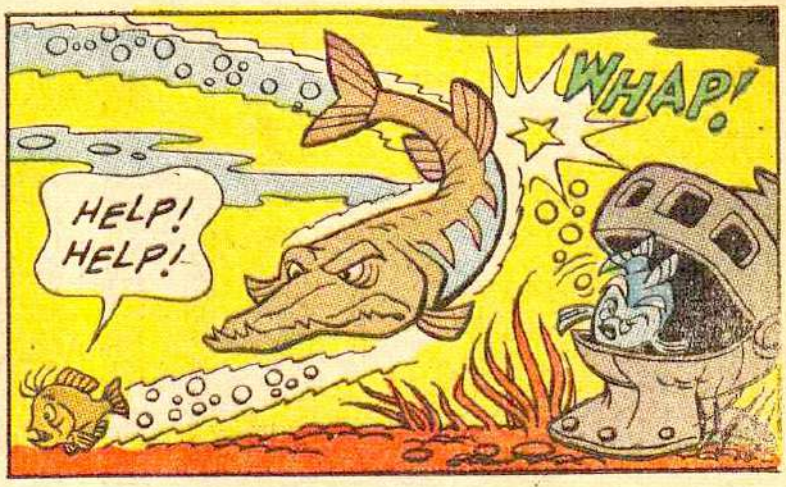
DON'T JUST WAIT AND TRUST TO FATE, AND SAY..."THAT'S HOW IT'S MEANT TO BE"!

IT'S UP TO YOU HOW FAR YOU GO! IF YOU DON'T *TRY*, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW!

NOW, IN LIFE IT'S ALSO TRUE, THE STRONG WILL TRY AND CONQUER YOU!

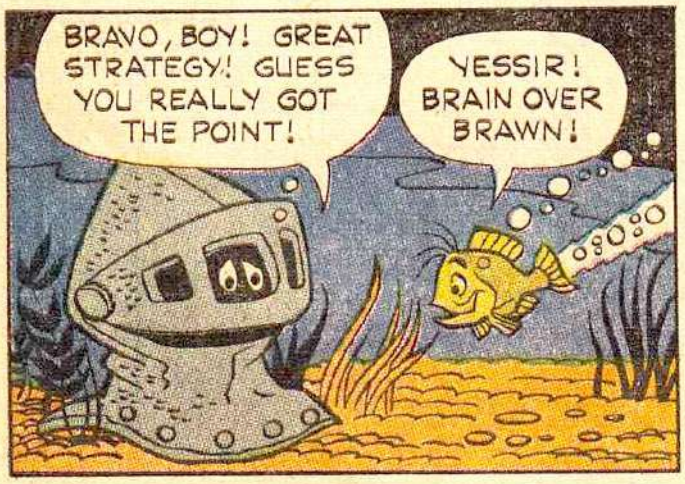

AND THAT IS WHAT YOU MUST EXPECT, UNLESS YOU USE YOUR INTELLECT! BRAINS OVER BRAWN!
HELP, MERLIN! *HELP!*
ZIP!

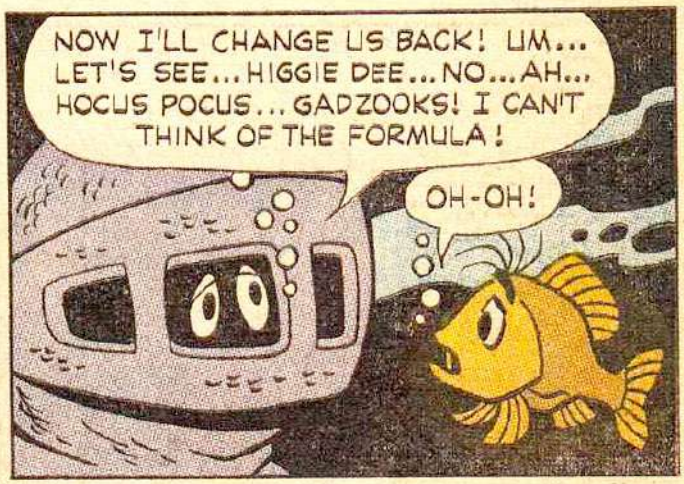
GEEHOSAPHATT! IT'S A MONSTER PIKE!

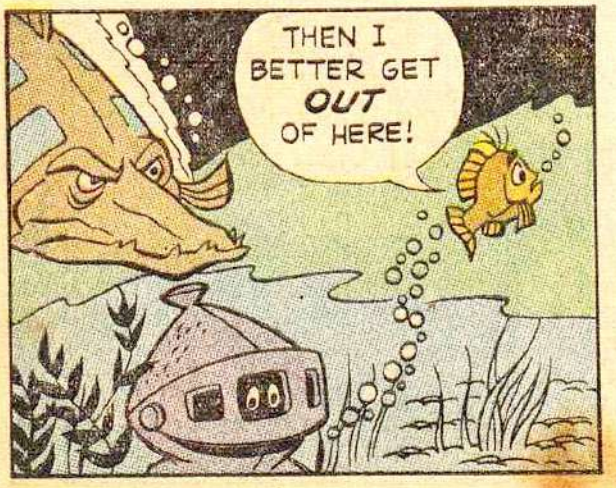

WHAP!
HELP! HELP!

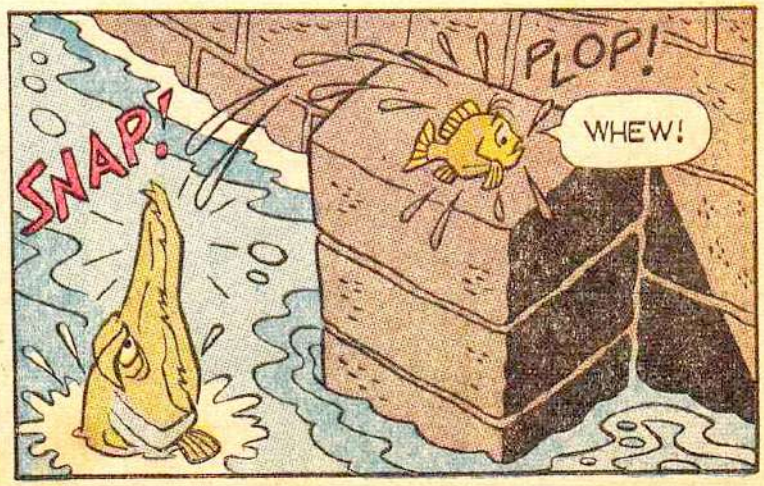
USE YOUR MAGIC! I DON'T WANT TO BE A FISH ANY MORE!
I-I CAN'T THINK OF THE WORDS!
SNAP!
CLANK!

SMART MOVE, GOING THROUGH THAT CHAIN, LAD! THAT'S USING THE OLD INTELLECT!
CHUNG!


BRAVO, BOY! GREAT STRATEGY! GUESS YOU REALLY GOT THE POINT!
YESSIR! BRAIN OVER BRAWN!

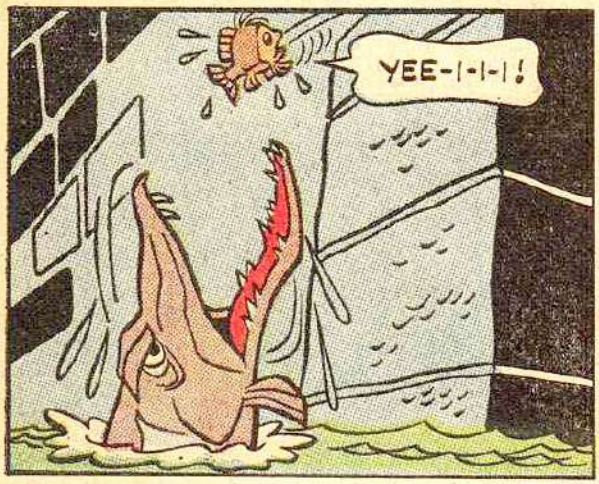

NOW I'LL CHANGE US BACK! UM... LET'S SEE... HIGGIE DEE... NO... AH... HOCUS POCUS... GADZOOKS! I CAN'T THINK OF THE FORMULA!
OH-OH!

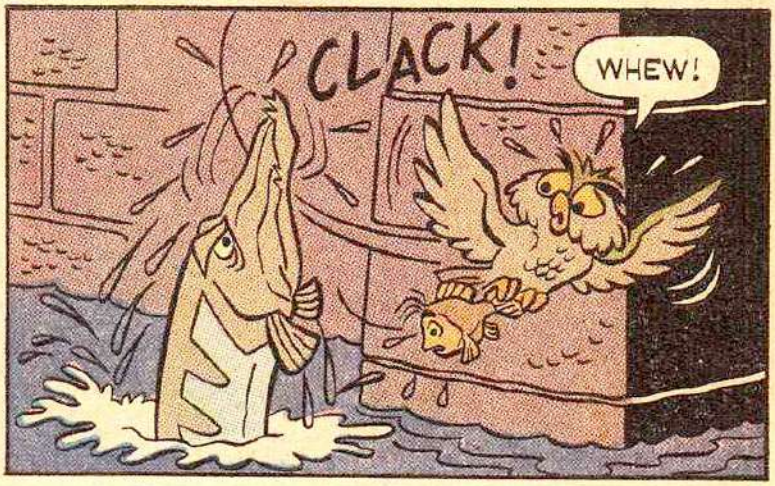

THEN I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!


PLOP!
WHEW!
SNAP!

I-I'M SLIPPING! MERLIN! HELP!

HELP!
EH? WHO? IT'S WART!


YEE-I-I-I!


CLACK!
WHEW!

(SPLUT!) THERE! BY GEORGE, I'LL TURN THAT MONSTER INTO A MINNOW! I'LL...
MERLIN!

WHA...? OH, THERE YOU ARE, BOY!
FLIP! FLOP!

SNICK, SNACK, SNORUM!
POOF!

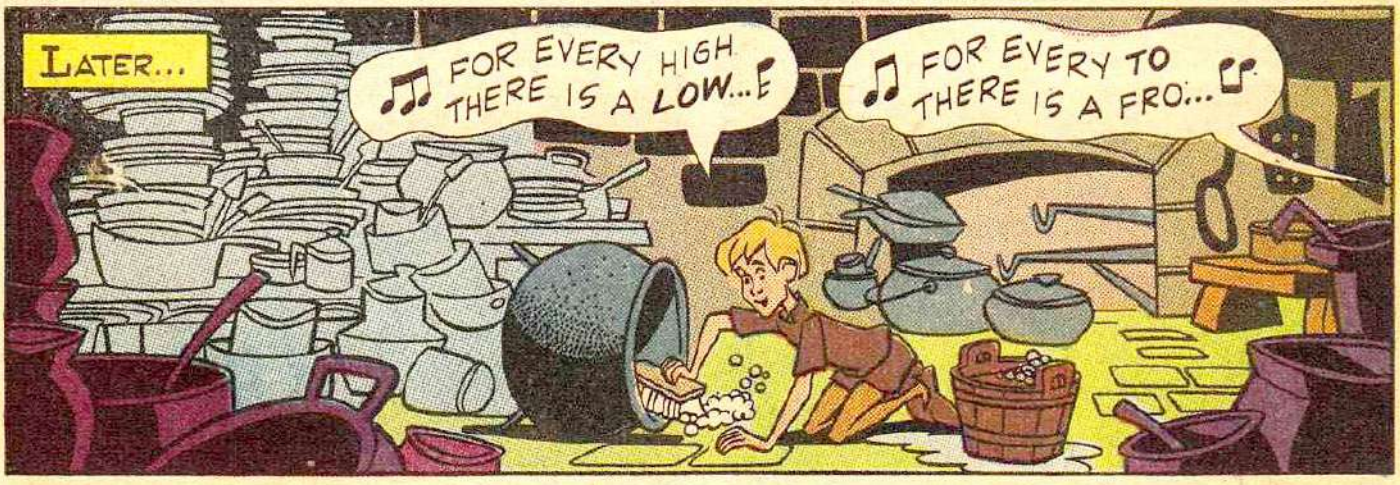
HOW DID YOU EVER GET OUT OF THAT MESS?
ARCHIMEDES SAVED ME!
WART!!

WART!
OH, IT'S SIR ECTOR! I'VE GOT TO GO!

WHERE IN THUNDER HAVE YOU BEEN?
IN THE MOAT, SIR!

IN THE MOAT?!!
YESSIR! YOU SEE, MERLIN CHANGED US INTO FISHES, AND ALONG CAME A HUGE PIKE, AND...

ENOUGH! THREE DEMERITS FOR BEING LATE AND THREE MORE FOR THE FISH STORY! NOW, HOP IT TO THE KITCHEN!
YES, SIR!


LATER...
♫ FOR EVERY HIGH THERE IS A LOW...
♫ FOR EVERY TO THERE IS A FRO...

OH, IT'S YOU, MERLIN, SIR!
TELL ME, LAD! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY BEING A SQUIRREL? YOU MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

OH, NO! I BETTER NOT! I'VE GOT SIX DEMERITS, AND BESIDES, I'VE GOT TO CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN!
HMM!

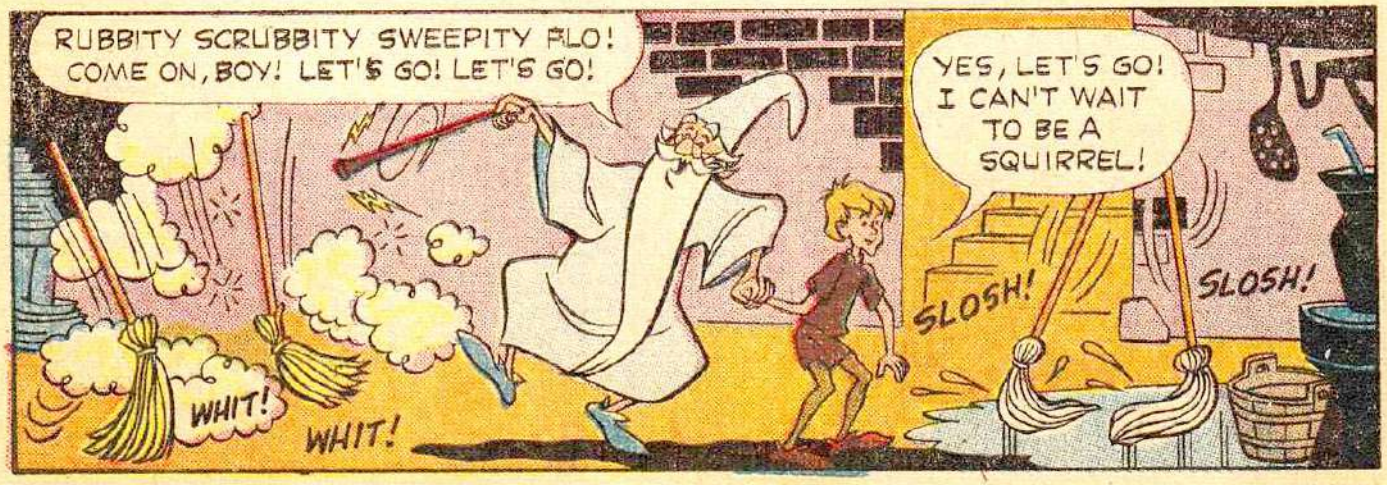
I'LL HAVE TO MODERNIZE THIS MEDIEVAL MESS... START AN ASSEMBLY LINE SYSTEM!
BUT, I'M SUPPOSED TO DO IT!

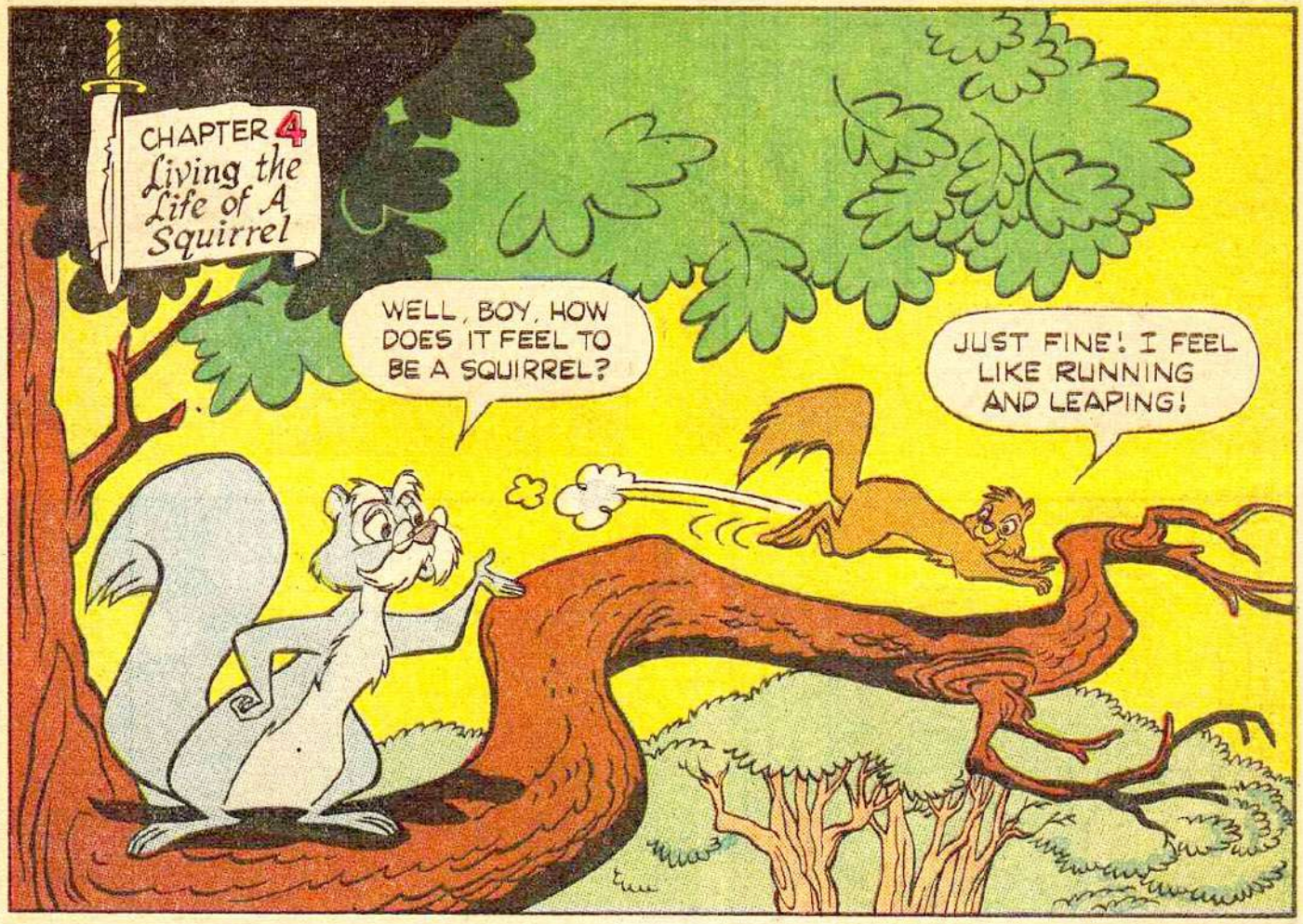
NO ONE WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE! WHO CARES AS LONG AS THE WORK GETS DONE?
TAP! TAP!

POOF!
HIGITUS FIGITUS ZUMBA KAZOOM! COME ON EVERY-ONE! CLEAN UP THE ROOM!

ONE AT A TIME, NOW, INTO THE TUB! ALL RIGHT, RAG! SCOUR AND SCRUB!

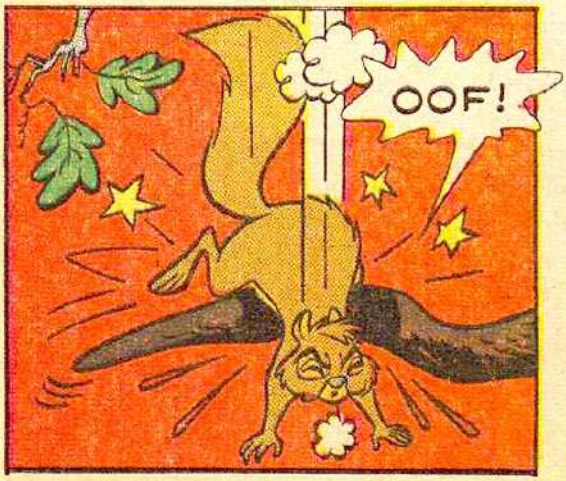
CAREFUL, CLOTH! WIPE 'EM GOOD AND DRY! AND DISHES, STACK YOURSELVES NEAT AND HIGH!

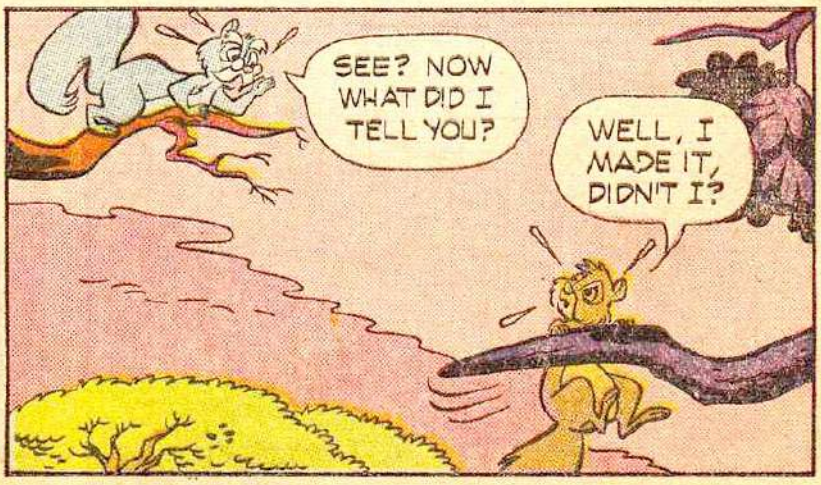

RUBBITY SCRUBBITY SWEEPITY FLO! COME ON, BOY! LET'S GO! LET'S GO!
WHIT!
WHIT!
YES, LET'S GO! I CAN'T WAIT TO BE A SQUIRREL!
SLOSH!
SLOSH!


CHAPTER 4
Living the Life of A Squirrel
WELL, BOY, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A SQUIRREL?
JUST FINE! I FEEL LIKE RUNNING AND LEAPING!

WART! TAKE IT EASY NOW! LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!
YIPPEEE!

WHA...?!
SNAP!


OOF!


SEE? NOW WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
WELL, I MADE IT, DIDN'T I?

YES, BUT YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TRUST TO LUCK, OR GRAVITY WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU!
WHAT'S GRAVITY?

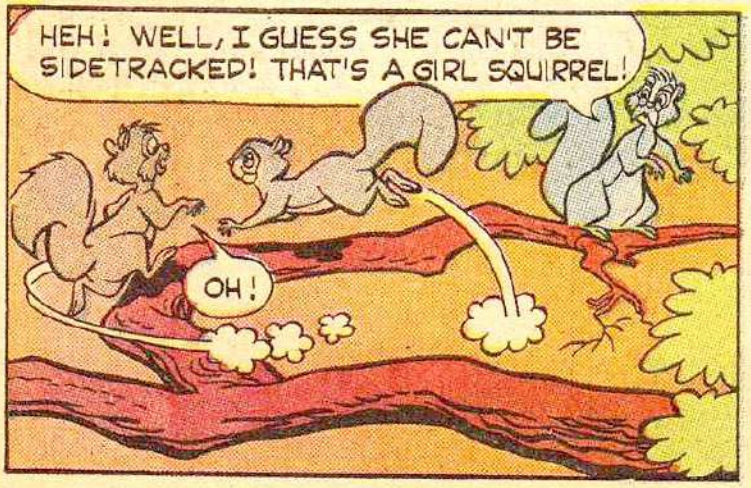
GRAVITY'S WHAT CAUSES YOU TO FALL!

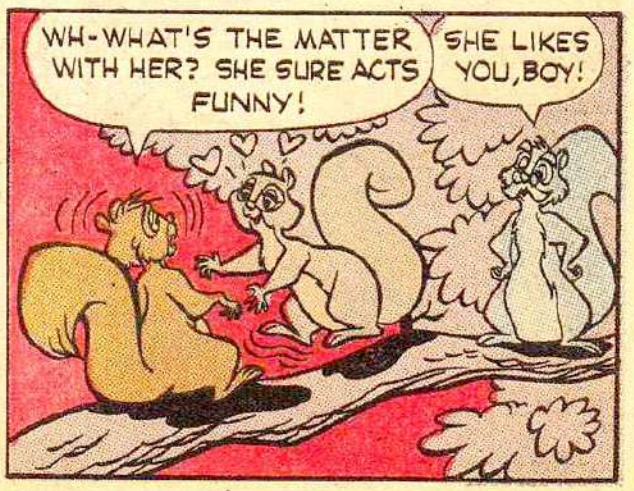
OOPS!
OH! LIKE A STUMBLE OR A TRIP?

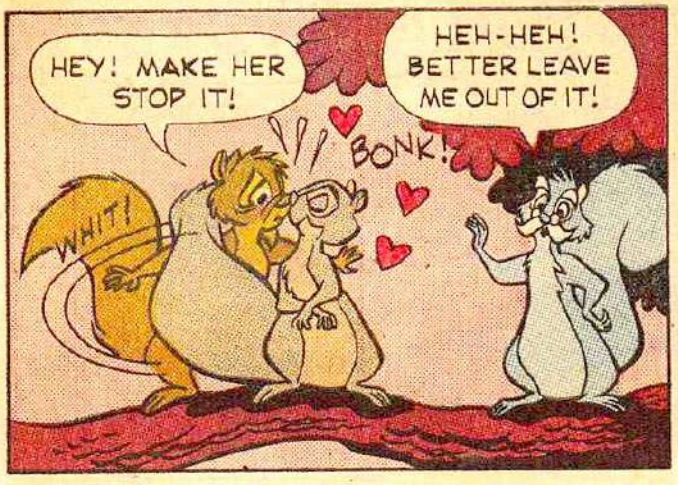
NO, NO! IT'S A PHENOMENON WHEREBY ANY TWO MATERIAL BODIES, IF FREE TO MOVE...
?

WOULD BE ATTRACTED TOWARD EACH OTHER!
URK!
GIGGLE!

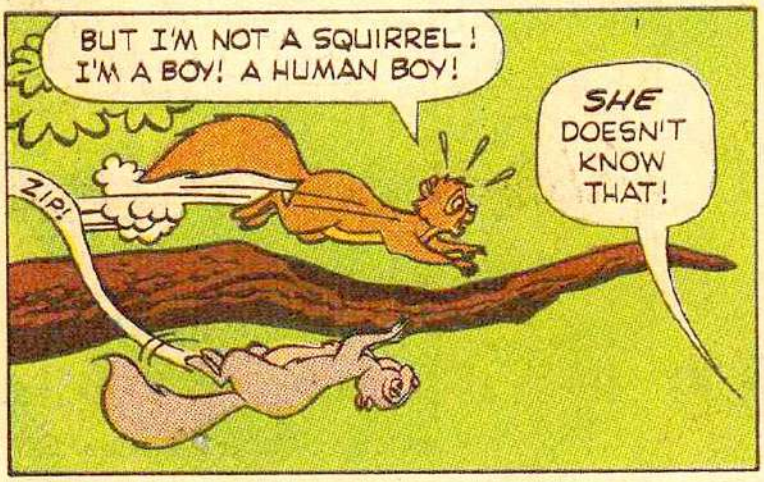
UH...HOW'LL WE GET BY?
GUESS WE WON'T! WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO A SIDE-TRACK!
HEE, HEE, HEE!


HEH! WELL, I GUESS SHE CAN'T BE SIDETRACKED! THAT'S A GIRL SQUIRREL!
OH!


WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER? SHE SURE ACTS FUNNY!
SHE LIKES YOU, BOY!


HEY! MAKE HER STOP IT!
HEH-HEH! BETTER LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!
BONK!
WHIT!

MERLIN! WHAT'LL I DO? SHE WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, LAD! I'M AFRAID MAGIC CAN'T SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!


BUT I'M NOT A SQUIRREL! I'M A BOY! A HUMAN BOY!
SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT!
ZIP!

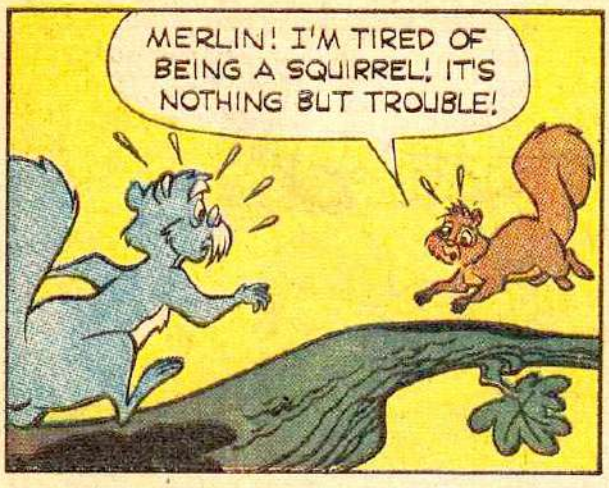
SHE ONLY KNOWS ONE SIMPLE FACT! YOU'RE A HIM AND SHE'S A HER!
BONK!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME RESISTING! YOU'LL FIND THE MORE YOU DO...

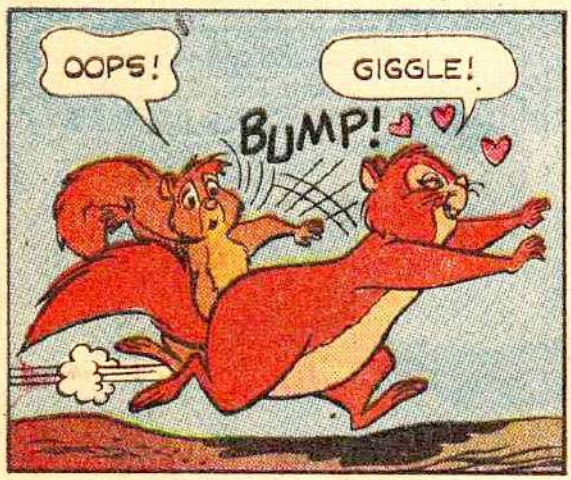
THE MORE SHE'LL KEEP INSISTING, HER HIM HAS GOT TO BE YOU!
GIGGLE!

HEE-HEE!
UH!

M-MADAME, I'M NOT A SQUIRREL, I'M A BOY... I MEAN... NO! I'M A STUPID OLD... N-NO...
SWORD IN THE STONE

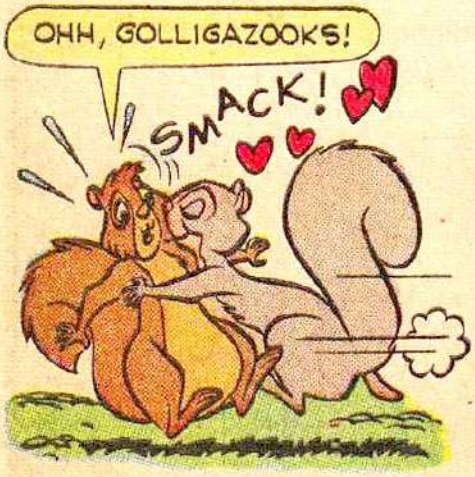

MERLIN! I'M TIRED OF BEING A SQUIRREL! IT'S NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!

YOU'VE GOT TROUBLE! HAH! ONE SIDE, LAD!
GIGGLE!


OOPS!
GIGGLE!
BUMP!

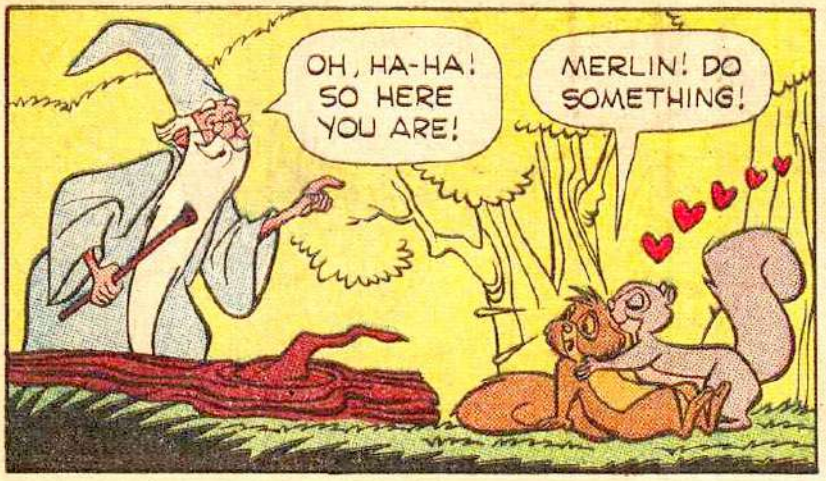
PLOP!

OHHHH!


OHH, GOLLIGAZOOKS!
SMACK!

(GASP!) BY GEORGE! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE!
GIGGLE!

THERE! YOU SEE? I'M NOTHING BUT AN UGLY, HORRIBLE, GROUCHY OLD MAN!
EEEEK!
MERLIN!
POOF!


OH, HA-HA! SO HERE YOU ARE!
MERLIN! DO SOMETHING!

SNICK, SNACK, SNORUM!
FOOP!

SEE? I'M NOT A SQUIRREL! I'M A BOY!
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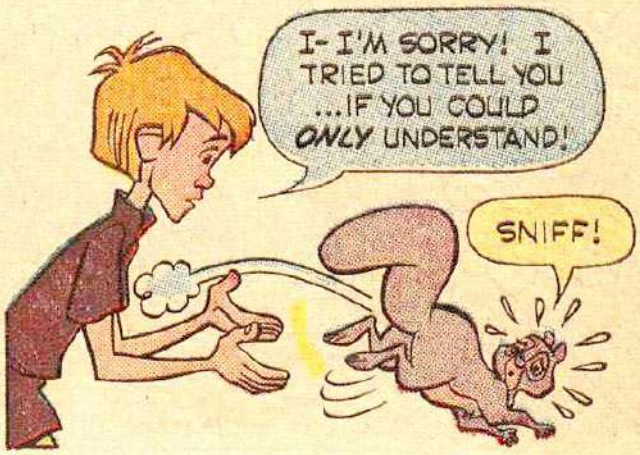
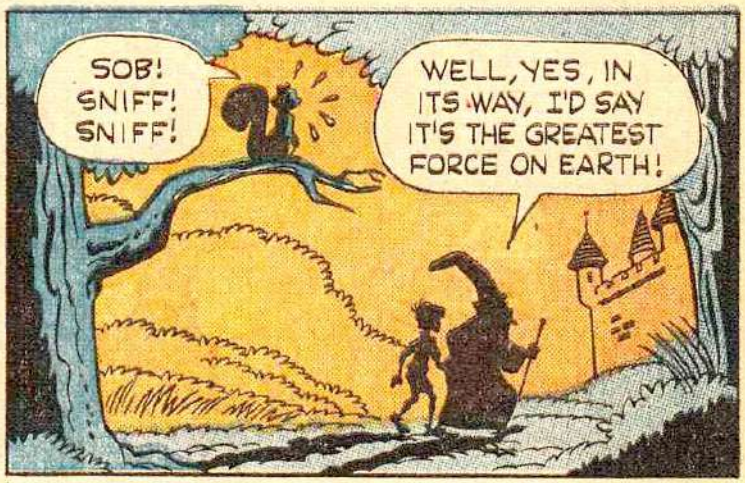
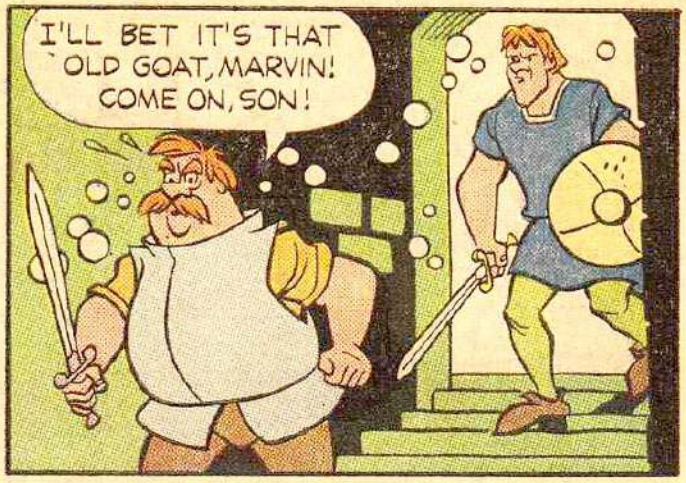

I- I'M SORRY! I TRIED TO TELL YOU ...IF YOU COULD ONLY UNDERSTAND!
SNIFF!

YOU KNOW, LAD, THAT LOVE BUSINESS IS A POWERFUL THING!
GREATER THAN GRAVITY?


SOB! SNIFF! SNIFF!
WELL, YES, IN ITS WAY, I'D SAY IT'S THE GREATEST FORCE ON EARTH!

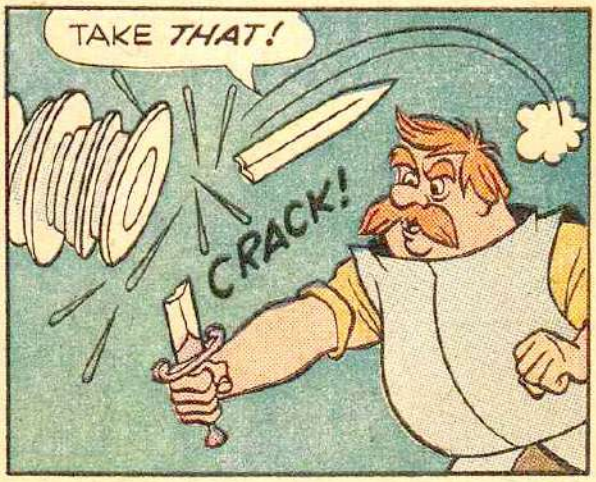
MEANWHILE, AT THE CASTLE...
SIR ECTOR! SIR ECTOR!!
EH? UH? HOLD IT, KAY!
CLANK!
CLANG!

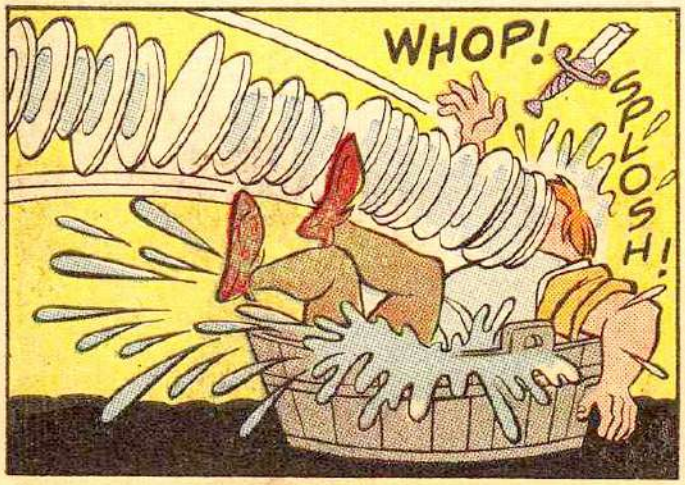
NOW, COOK! WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?
B-BLACK MAGIC IN THE KITCHEN!


I'LL BET IT'S THAT OLD GOAT, MARVIN! COME ON, SON!

GADZOOKS! BLACK MAGIC OF THE WORST KIND!

COME ON, KAY! TO THE *ATTACK!*


TAKE *THAT!*
CRACK!


WHOP!
SPLOSH!

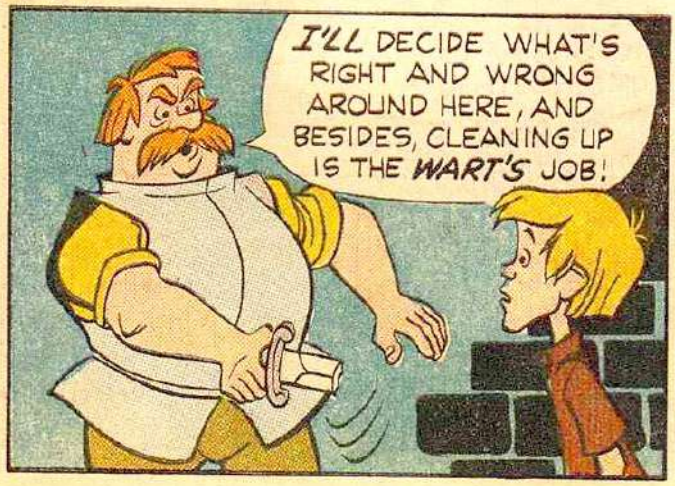
EE... OOH... *UGH!*
HELP! HELP!
SCRUB!
SCRUB!

HELP YOURSELF! I'VE GOT ME OWN PROBLEMS!
WHACK!
WHACK! WHACK!

EGAD! WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
JUMPIN' HOPTOADS!

A LA KAZAM!
WHIT!
SPLUT!
PLOSH!

SO THERE YOU ARE, YOU OLD GOAT! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF FLINGING YOUR EVIL SPELLS ALL OVER THE PLACE?
WHAT, MAY I ASK, IS EVIL ABOUT CLEANING UP THE KITCHEN?


I'LL DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG AROUND HERE, AND BESIDES, CLEANING UP IS THE WART'S JOB!

YOU-YOU OLD GOAT, IF I EVER CATCH YOU IN MY KITCHEN AGAIN...
MADAM, YOU WON'T!

OH, DEAR! UH? HE'S GONE!
POOF!

MERLIN'S MAGIC IS GOOD! JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN IT'S WRONG!

ENOUGH! YOU'VE SAID A-PLENTY, BOY! ALL THAT POPPIN' OFF JUST COOKED YOUR GOOSE!

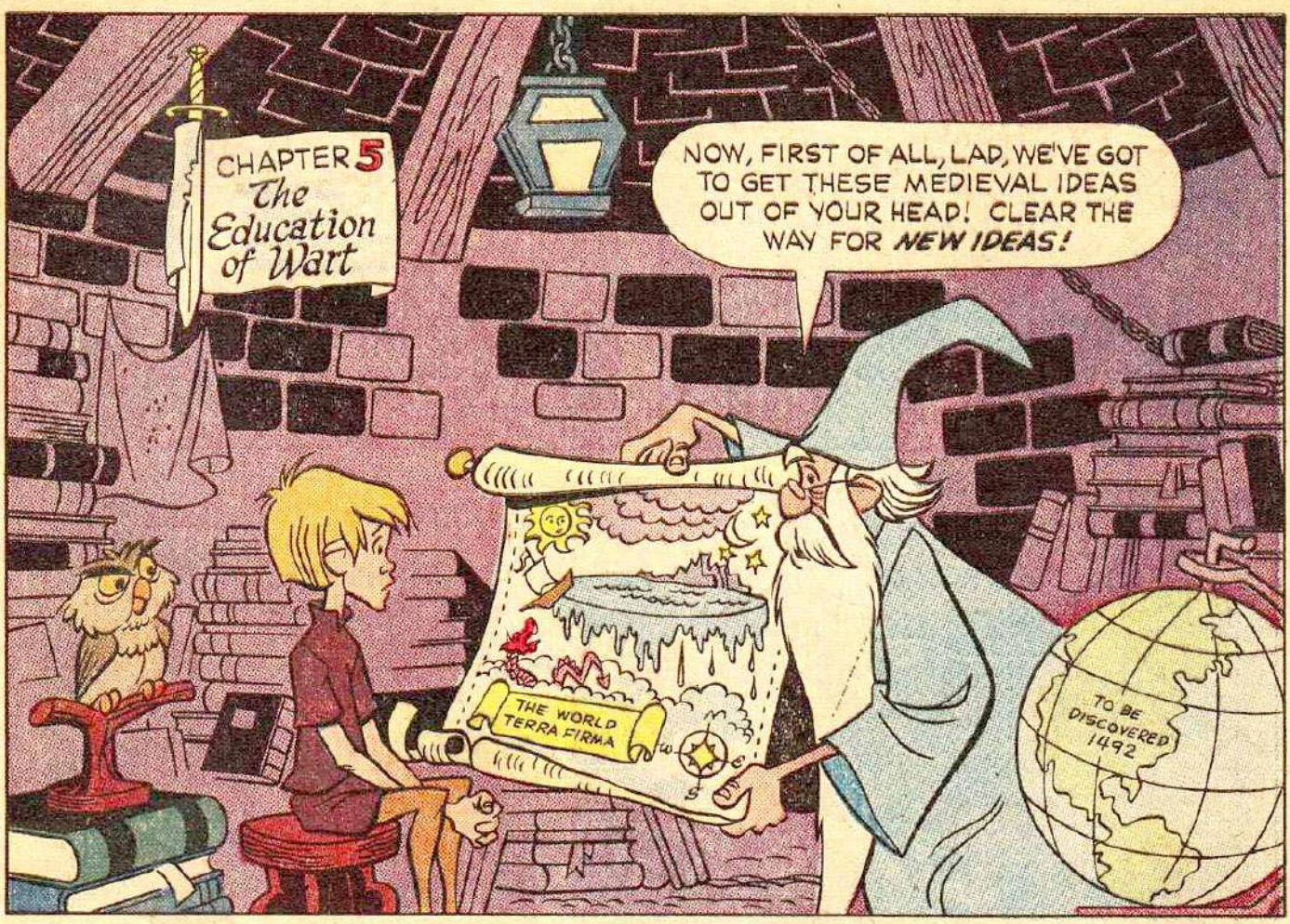
KAY, FROM NOW ON, THE SON OF MY GATEKEEPER, HOBS, IS GOING TO BE YOUR SQUIRE!

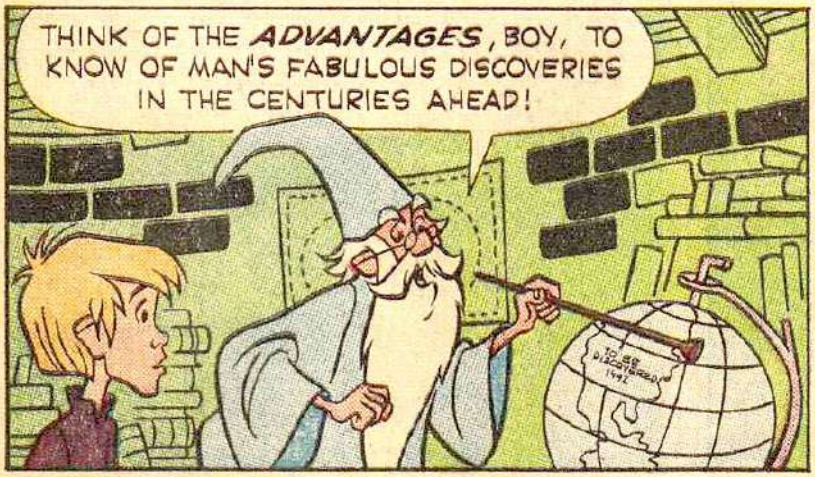
Y' HEAR THAT, PIPSQUEAK? THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO POP OFF!
WHACK!

I'M SORRY, LAD! I KNOW THAT TRIP TO LONDON MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO YOU!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! NOW I'M REALLY DONE FOR!

NOT AT ALL! YOU'RE IN A GREAT SPOT, BOY! YOU CAN'T GO DOWN NOW! IT CAN ONLY BE UP FROM HERE!

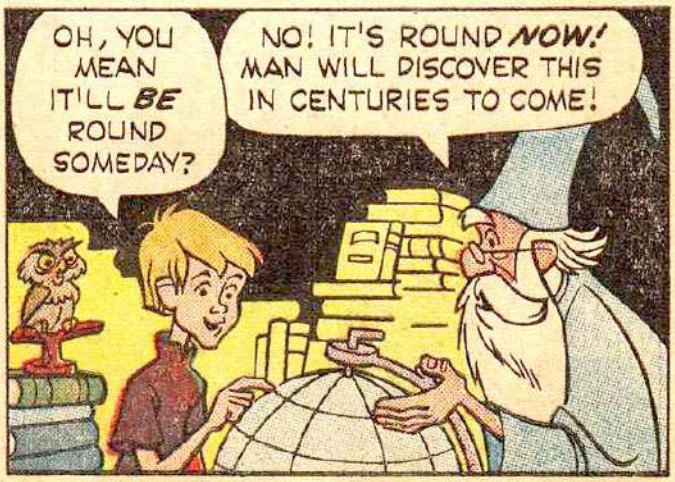
USE YOUR HEAD! GET AN EDUCATION! ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY?
GUESS SO! WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?


CHAPTER 5
The Education of Wart
NOW, FIRST OF ALL, LAD, WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE MEDIEVAL IDEAS OUT OF YOUR HEAD! CLEAR THE WAY FOR NEW IDEAS!
THE WORLD TERRA FIRMA
TO BE DISCOVERED 1492


THINK OF THE ADVANTAGES, BOY, TO KNOW OF MAN'S FABULOUS DISCOVERIES IN THE CENTURIES AHEAD!

ADVANTAGE, INDEED! IF THE BOY GOES AROUND SAYING THE WORLD IS ROUND, THEY'LL TAKE HIM FOR A CUCKOO!

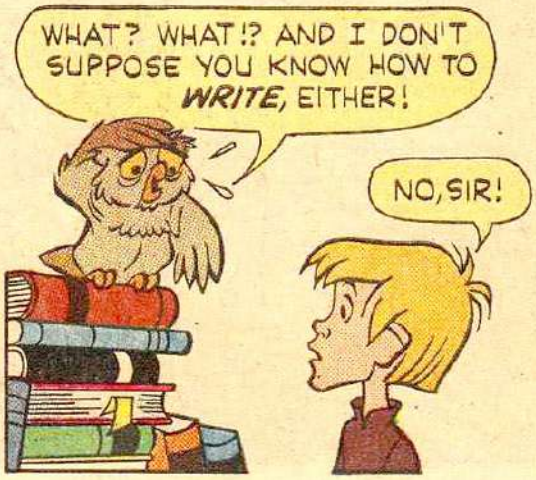
THE WORLD IS ROUND?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT ALSO GOES AROUND!


OH, YOU MEAN IT'LL BE ROUND SOMEDAY?
NO! IT'S ROUND NOW! MAN WILL DISCOVER THIS IN CENTURIES TO COME!

PAH! YOU'RE ONLY CONFUSING THE BOY! HE'LL BE SO MIXED-UP HE'LL BE WEARING HIS SHOES ON HIS HEAD!
!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! HAVE IT YOUR WAY, ARCHIMEDES! YOU'RE IN CHARGE NOW! SO FROM NOW ON, HE'S *YOUR* PUPIL!

ALL RIGHT! FIRST, I WANT YOU TO READ THESE BOOKS!
B-BUT, I CAN'T READ!
a B C


WHAT? WHAT!? AND I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU KNOW HOW TO *WRITE*, EITHER!
NO, SIR!

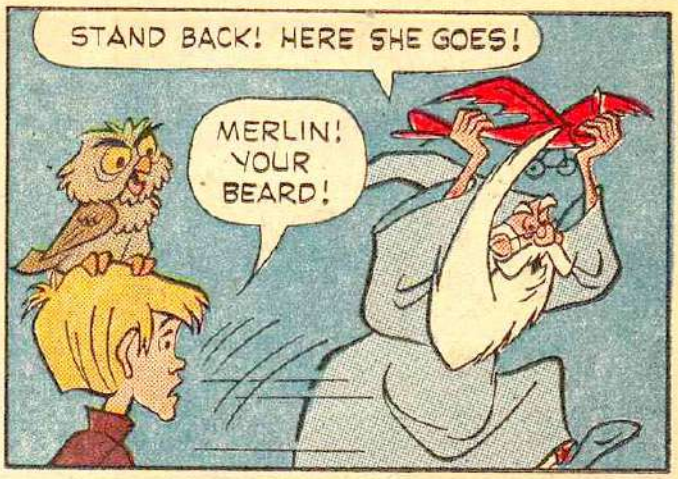
ARCHIMEDES! HAVE YOU SEEN MY FLYING-MACHINE MODEL?

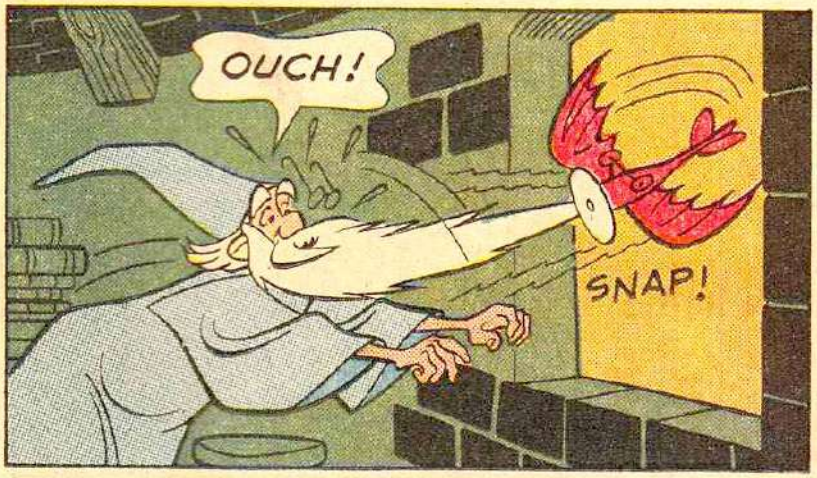
YOU KNOW I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR FUTURISTIC FIDDLE-FADDLE!
IS THAT IT UP THERE?

EH? OH, YES, OF COURSE! HERE WE ARE!

YOU MEAN, MAN WILL FLY IN ONE OF THOSE SOMEDAY?
YES! IN *LARGER* ONES, OF COURSE!

PAH! IF MAN WERE MEANT TO FLY, HE'D HAVE BEEN BORN WITH WINGS!
I AM ABOUT TO PROVE OTHERWISE!

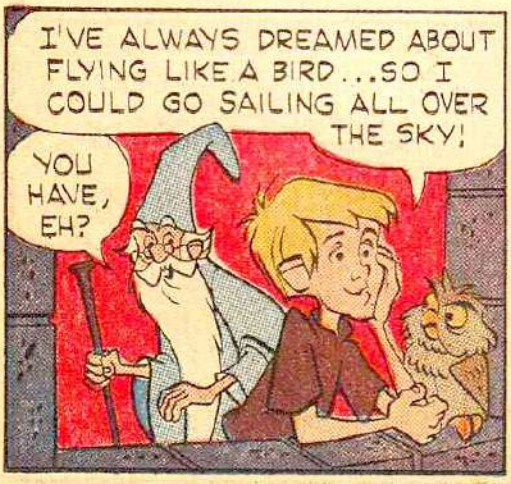

STAND BACK! HERE SHE GOES!
MERLIN! YOUR BEARD!


OUCH!
SNAP!

SPLASH!

HO-HO-HO! SO MAN WILL FLY? SURE, JUST LIKE A ROCK!

MAN WILL FLY IN THE FUTURE! I'VE BEEN THERE! I'VE *SEEN* IT!
OH, I DO HOPE SO!
HEE-HEE-HEE! OH, MY!


I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT FLYING LIKE A BIRD...SO I COULD GO SAILING ALL OVER THE SKY!
YOU HAVE, EH?

AVIS AVITIS AVITI AVETEM! *PRESTIDIGITONIUM!*
FOOP!

HEY! I'M A BIRD! I'M A BIRD!
HOLD IT, BOY! NOT SO FAST!

YOU HAVE LOTS TO LEARN! I'VE GOT TO TEACH YOU A FEW THINGS!

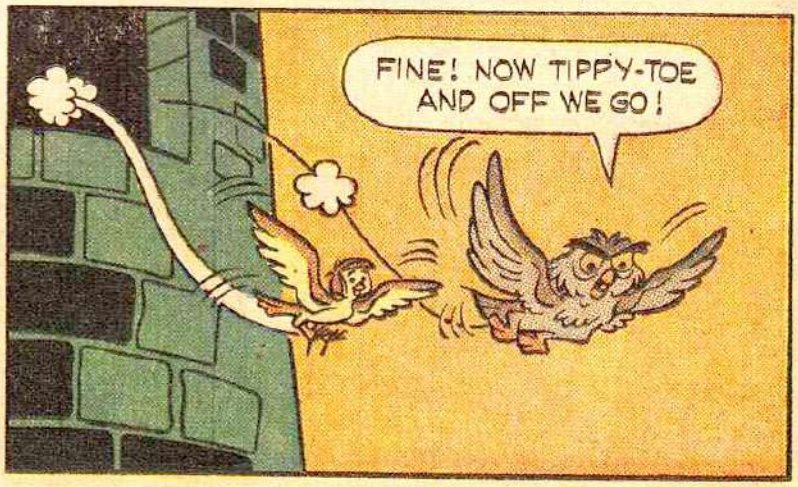
FIRST, I'LL EXPLAIN THE MECHANICS OF A BIRD'S WING...
AND SINCE WHEN DO YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT BIRD'S WINGS?

I HAVE MADE AN EXTENSIVE STUDY OF BIRDS IN FLIGHT, AND I...
AND I HAPPEN TO BE A BIRD!

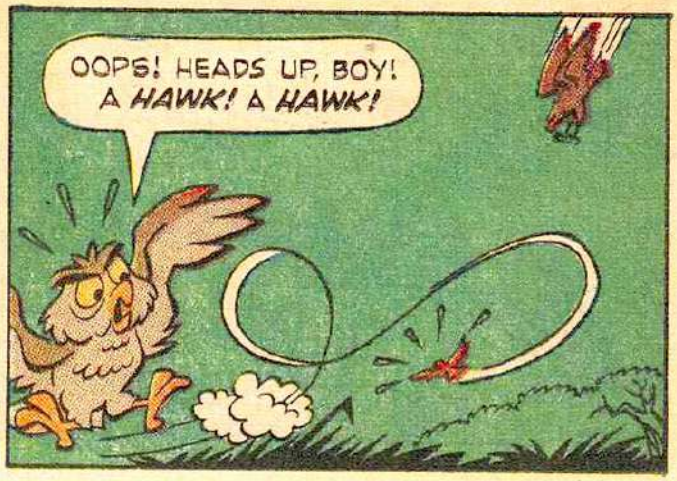
ALL RIGHT, MR. KNOW-IT-ALL!

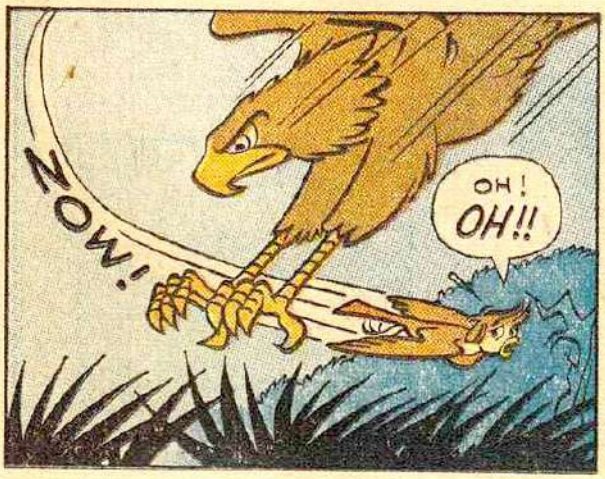
NOW! FLYING IS A DELICATE ART, AND THE BEST WAY TO LEARN IS TO DO IT!

WE'LL START WITH A GLIDE! SPREAD YOUR WINGS ALL THE WAY OUT AND FAN YOUR TAIL!

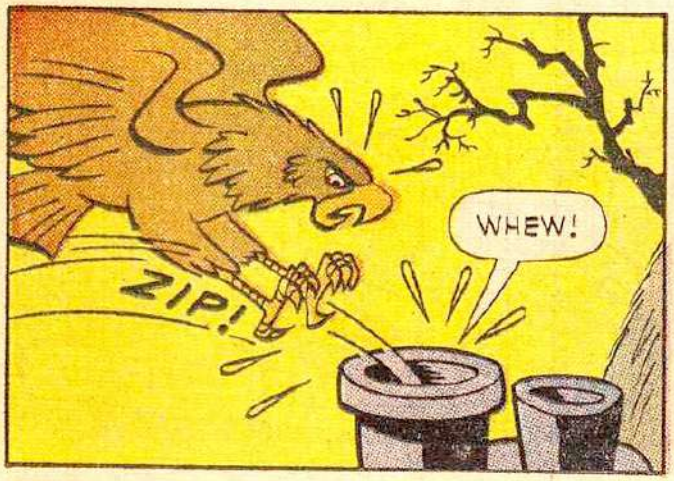

FINE! NOW TIPPY-TOE AND OFF WE GO!

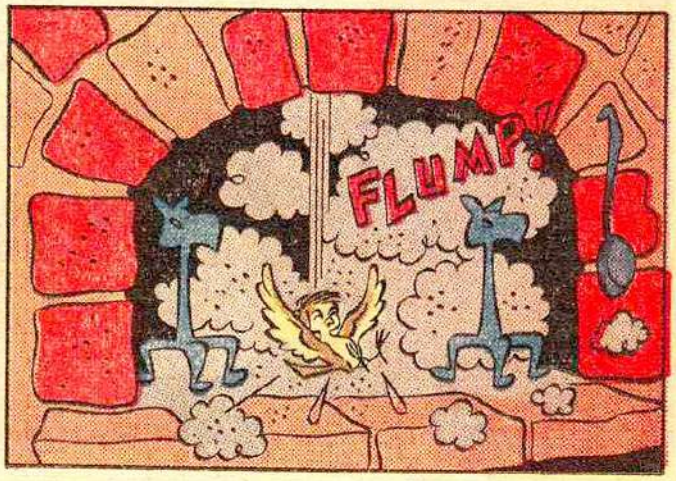
SAY, BOY, THAT'S PRETTY GOOD! YOU'RE A NATURAL! ARE YOU SURE THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME...

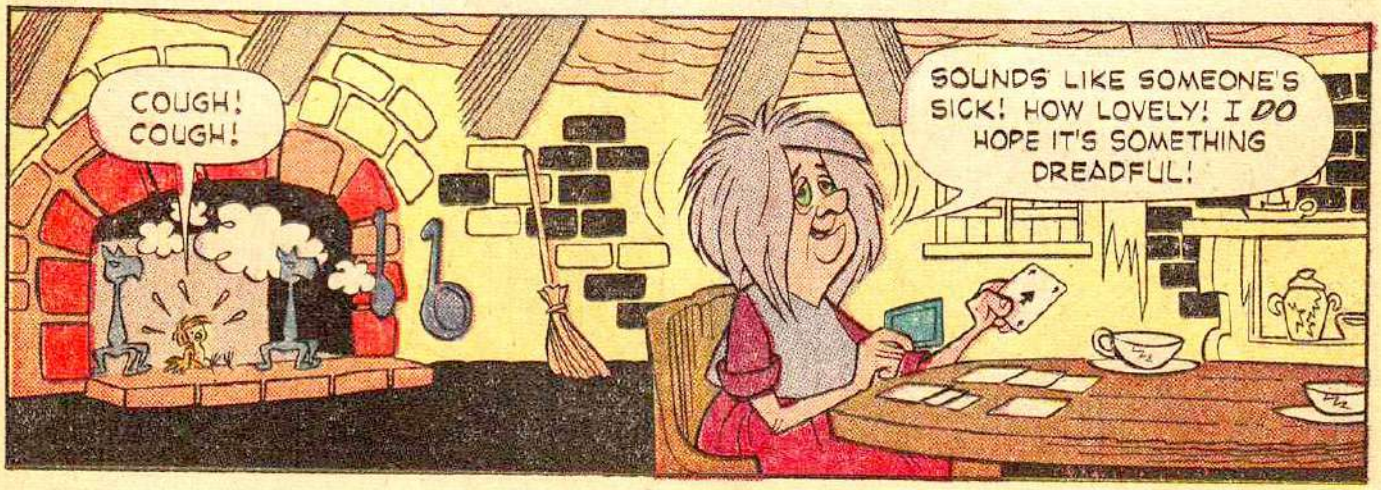

OOPS! HEADS UP, BOY! A HAWK! A HAWK!


ZOW!
OH! OH!!

WART! WART!
MAYBE I'LL BE SAFE AT THAT HOUSE!


ZIP!
WHEW!


FLUMP!


COUGH! COUGH!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S SICK! HOW LOVELY! I DO HOPE IT'S SOMETHING DREADFUL!

OH, BAT GIZZARDS! IT'S NOTHING BUT A SCRAWNY LITTLE SPARROW!
COUGH!

OH, I-I-I'M NOT REALLY A SPARROW! I'M A BOY!
A BOY?!!

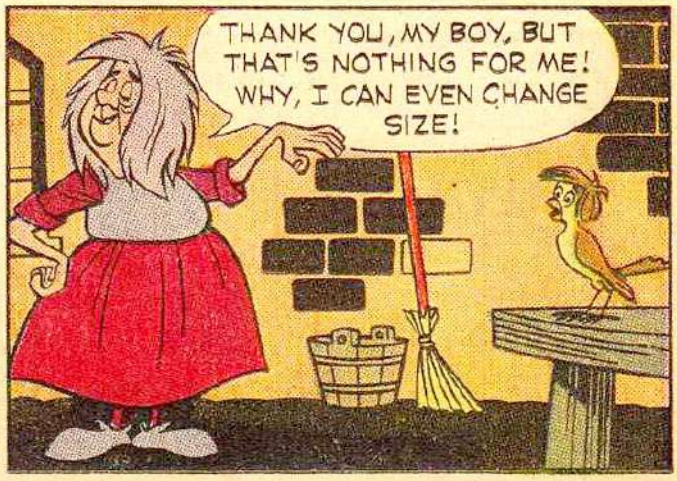
YES, MA'AM! MERLIN CHANGED ME WITH HIS MAGIC! HE'S THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WIZARD!

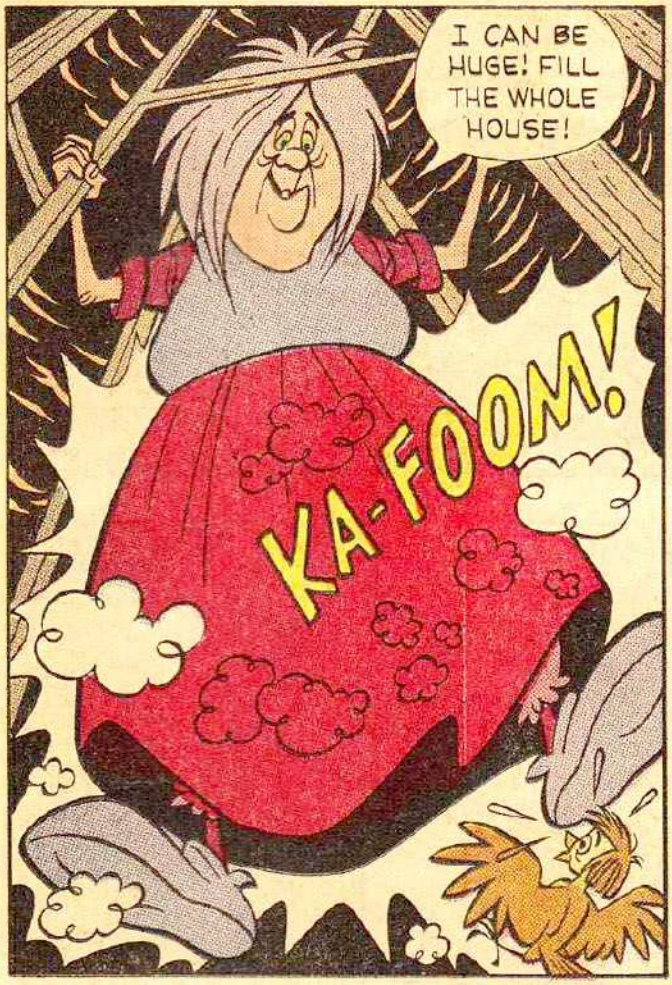
MERLIN? HO-HO! THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL BUNGLER, YOU MEAN! WHY, I'VE GOT MORE MAGIC IN MY LITTLE FINGER!

NOW, DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE MARVELOUS MADAM MIM?
WHY, NO! I DON'T GUESS SO!

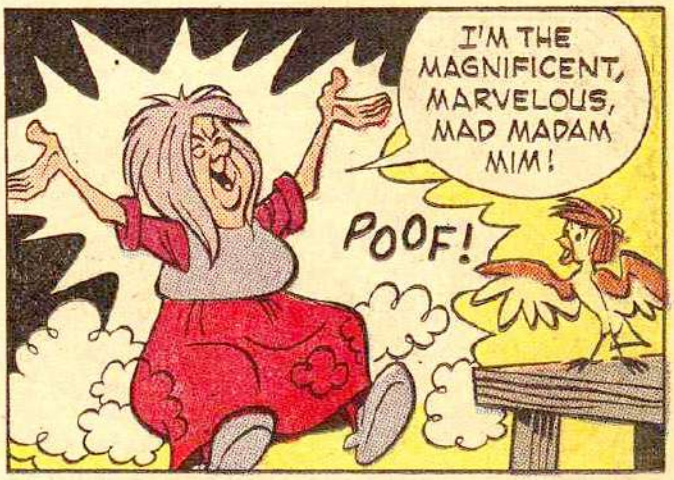
MADAM MIM! GOOD HEAVENS... I MUST TELL MERLIN!

WITH ONLY A TOUCH, I HAVE THE POWER TO WITHER A FLOWER!
WHY, THAT'S TERRIBLE!
ZIT!

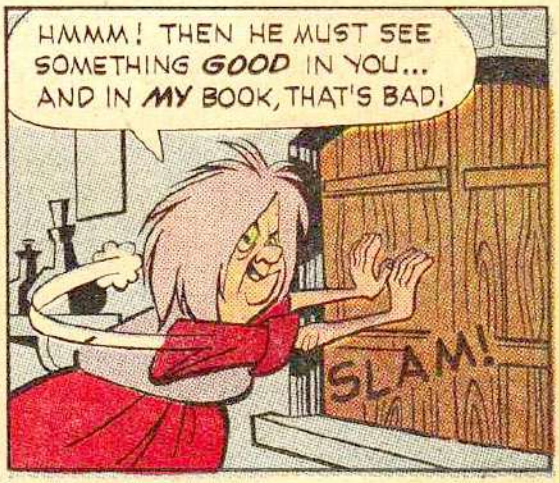

THANK YOU, MY BOY, BUT THAT'S NOTHING FOR ME! WHY, I CAN EVEN CHANGE SIZE!


I CAN BE HUGE! FILL THE WHOLE HOUSE!
KA-FOOM!

I CAN BE TEENY! SMALL AS A MOUSE!
FOOP!


I'M THE MAGNIFICENT, MARVELOUS, MAD MADAM MIM!
POOF!

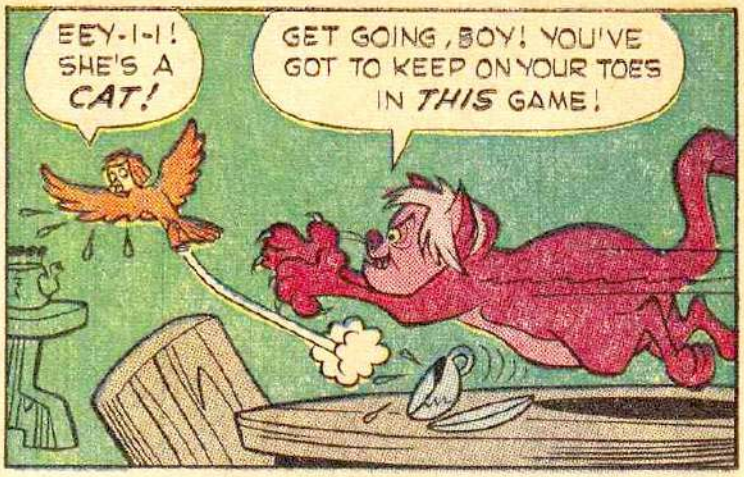
NOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOY? WHO'S THE GREATEST?
WELL, MERLIN'S MAGIC IS ALWAYS USED FOR SOMETHING GOOD!


HMMM! THEN HE MUST SEE SOMETHING GOOD IN YOU... AND IN MY BOOK, THAT'S BAD!
SLAM!

SO, MY BOY, I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY YOU!
D-D-D-DESTROY ME?

OH, I'LL GIVE YOU A SPORTING CHANCE! WE'LL PLAY A GAME!

I'M MAD ABOUT GAMES, YOU KNOW!
POOF!


EEY-I-I! SHE'S A CAT!
GET GOING, BOY! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP ON YOUR TOES IN THIS GAME!

BUMP!
OUCH!
ZIP!

HA-HA! I WIN! GAME'S OVER!
FOOP!

MIM! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
WHOOSH!

HEH-HEH! WE WERE JUST PLAYING A LITTLE GAME!
NO! SHE WAS TRYING TO DESTROY ME!

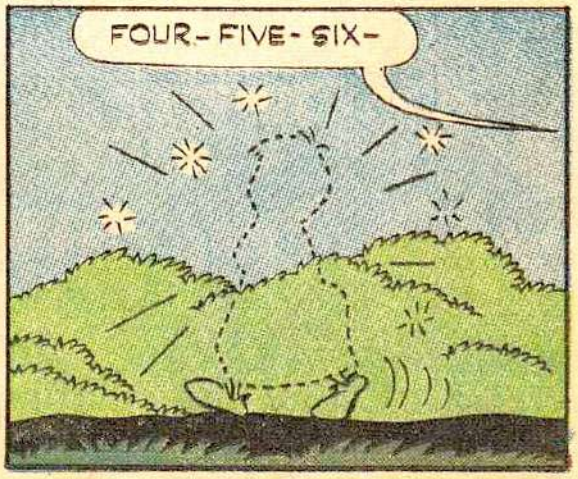
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? WANT TO FIGHT?
IF YOU WISH, MADAM!

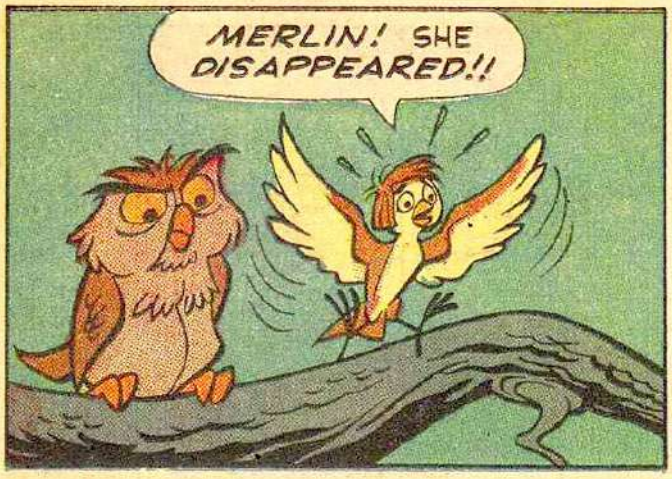
WELL, COME ON! STEP OUTSIDE!
AFTER YOU, MADAM!

CHAPTER 6
The Wizards' Duel

ARCHIMEDES! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

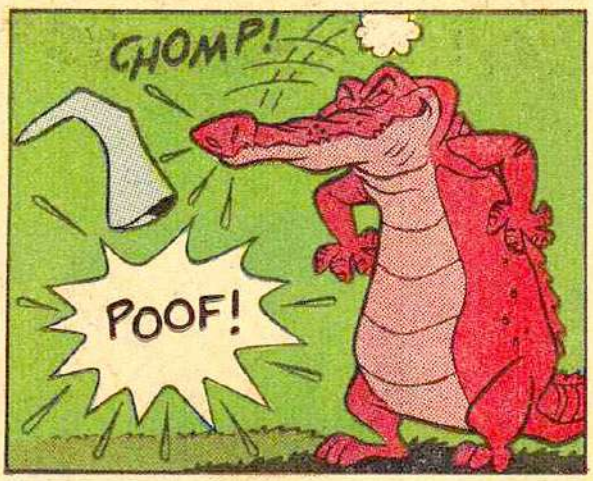
THEY'RE HAVING A *WIZARDS' DUEL!* IT'S A BATTLE OF WITS WHERE THE CONTESTANTS CHANGE THEMSELVES INTO DIFFERENT THINGS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ONE ANOTHER!



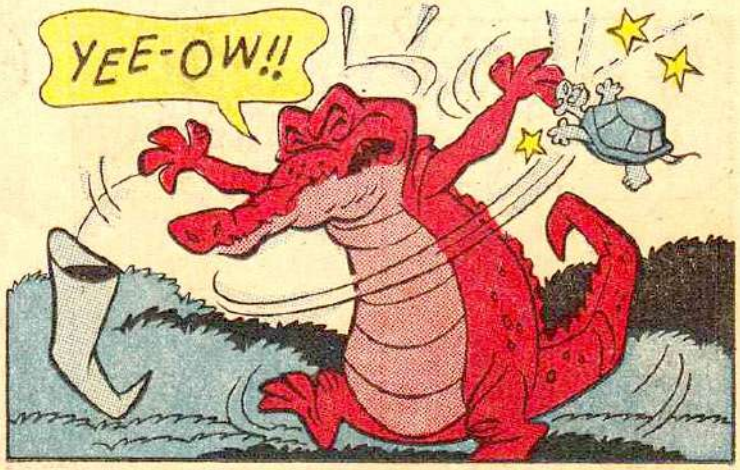

MERLIN! SHE DISAPPEARED!!

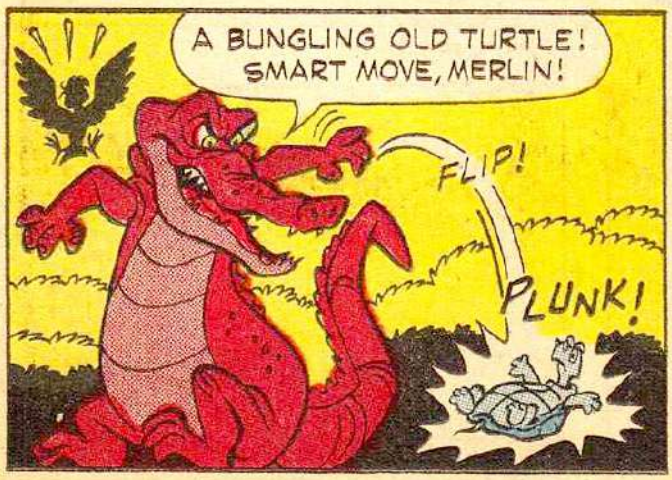
MIM! DASH IT ALL! YOU SAID NO DISAPPEARING!
YOU STUPID OLD GOAT! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

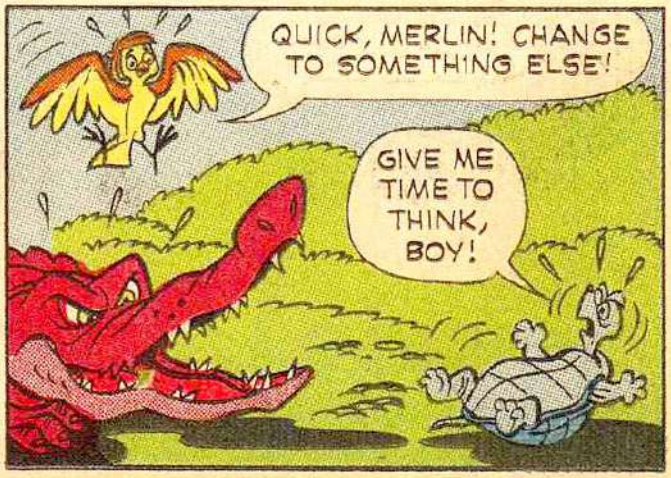
MERLIN! MERLIN! BEHIND YOU!
FOOP!

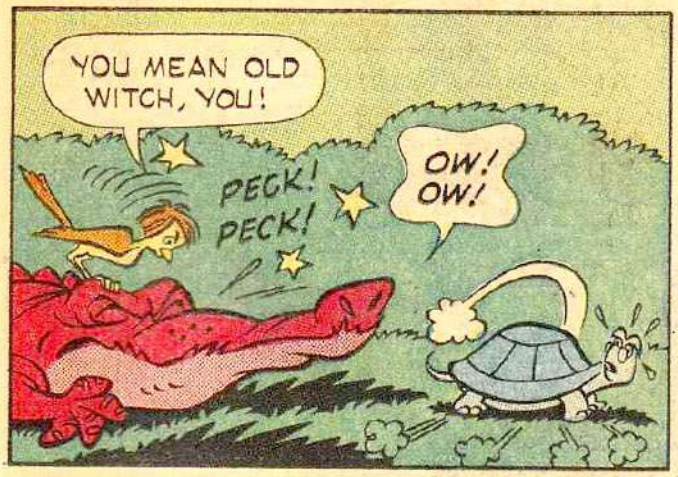

CHOMP!
POOF!

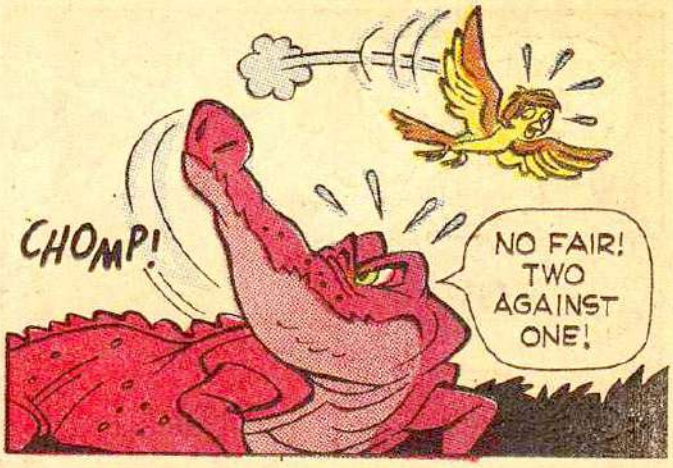
SO! IN HERE, PERHAPS!

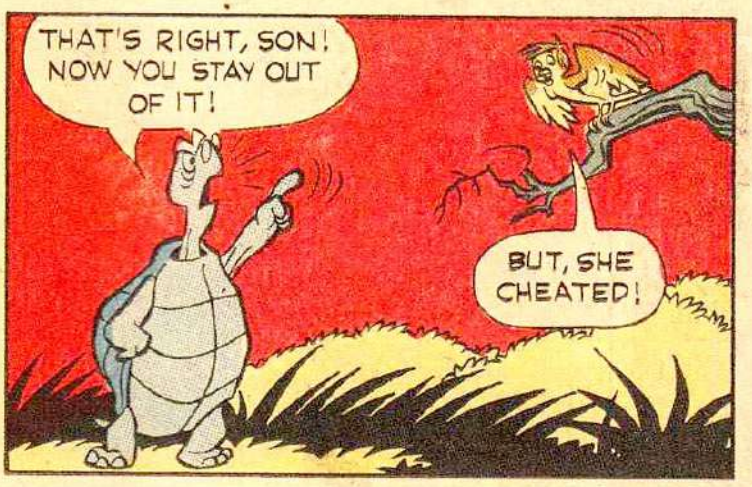

YEE-OW!!

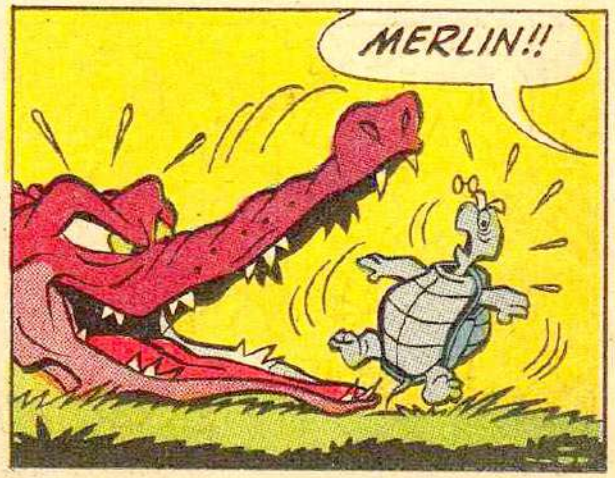

A BUNGLING OLD TURTLE! SMART MOVE, MERLIN!
FLIP!
PLUNK!

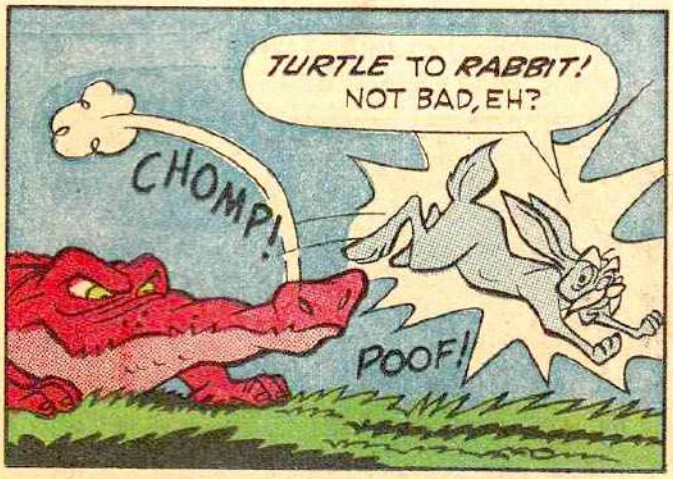

QUICK, MERLIN! CHANGE TO SOMETHING ELSE!
GIVE ME TIME TO THINK, BOY!

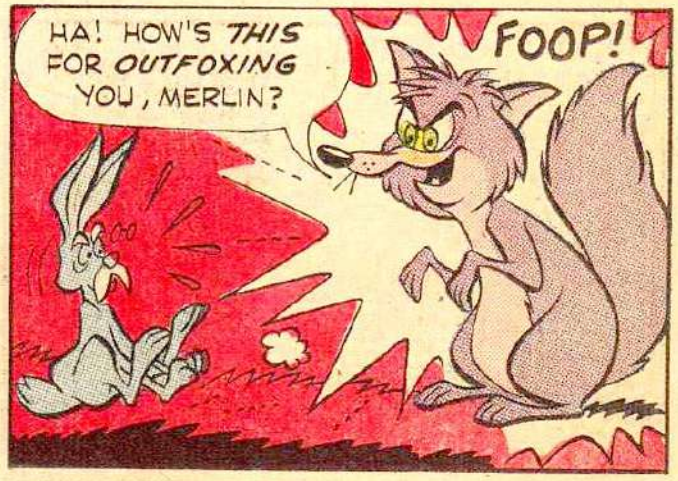

YOU MEAN OLD WITCH, YOU!
PECK! PECK!
OW! OW!


CHOMP!
NO FAIR! TWO AGAINST ONE!


THAT'S RIGHT, SON! NOW YOU STAY OUT OF IT!
BUT, SHE CHEATED!


MERLIN!!

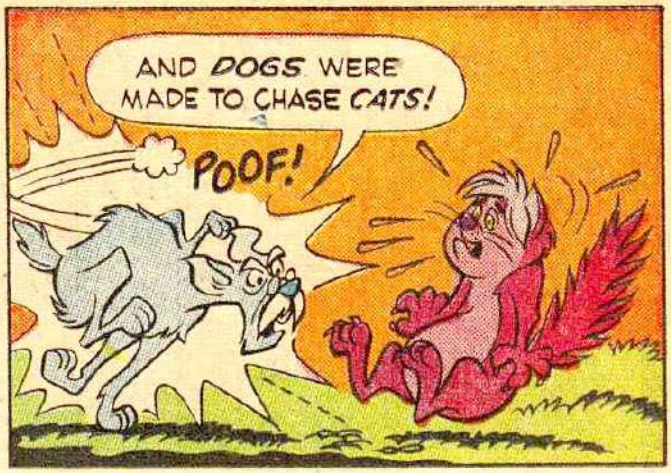

TURTLE TO RABBIT! NOT BAD, EH?
CHOMP!
POOF!

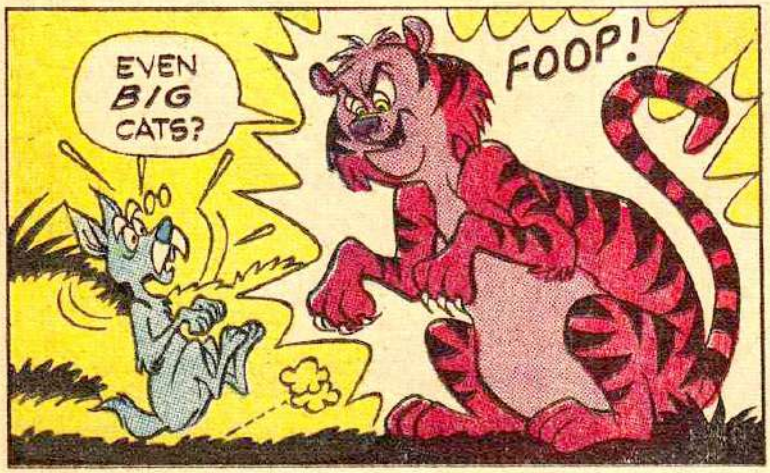

HA! HOW'S THIS FOR OUTFOXING YOU, MERLIN?
FOOP!

THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WIZARD! HO-HO! HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THAT LOG?

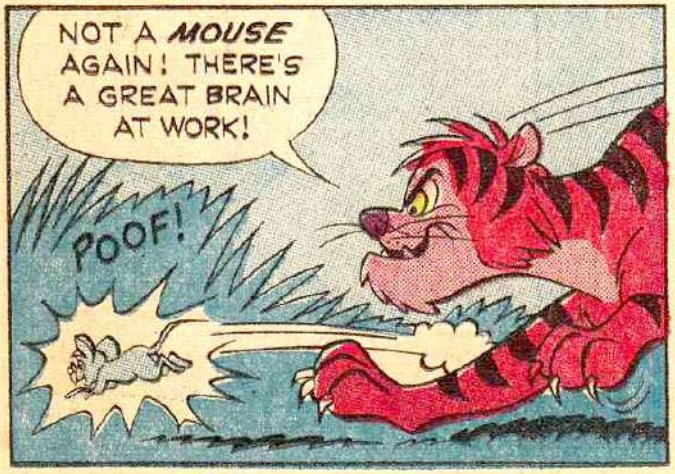
OH, THROUGH THIS LITTLE HOLE!
A MOUSE! CAN'T YOU DO BETTER THAN THAT?
POOF!

CATS WERE MADE TO CHASE MICE!
FOOP!


AND DOGS WERE MADE TO CHASE CATS!
POOF!

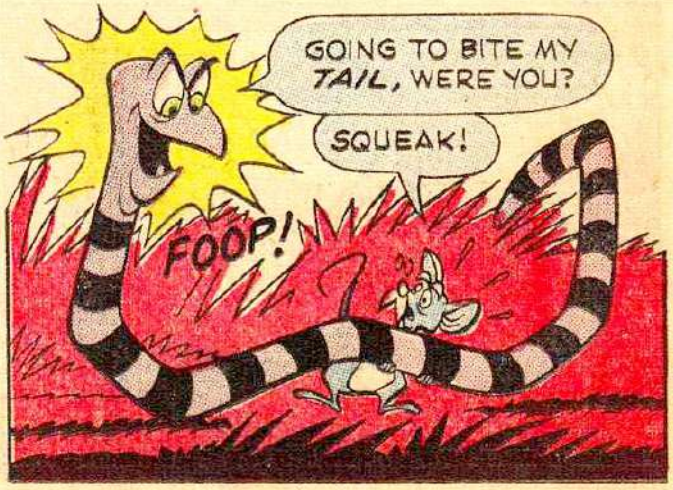

EVEN BIG CATS?
FOOP!

OH! OH-H! THE STUPID THINGS HE CHANGES INTO!


NOT A MOUSE AGAIN! THERE'S A GREAT BRAIN AT WORK!
POOF!

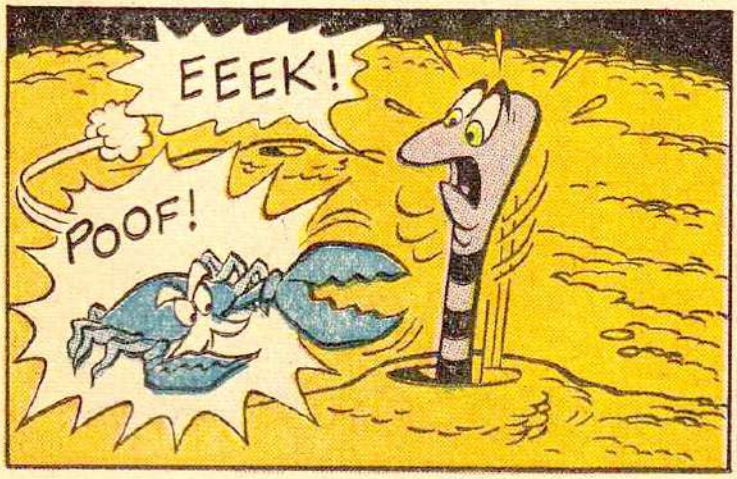
THINK YOU CAN HIDE IN A SILLY CLUMP OF GRASS?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE INTO NEXT, OR HAVE YOU RUN OUT OF IDEAS?


GOING TO BITE MY TAIL, WERE YOU?
SQUEAK!
FOOP!

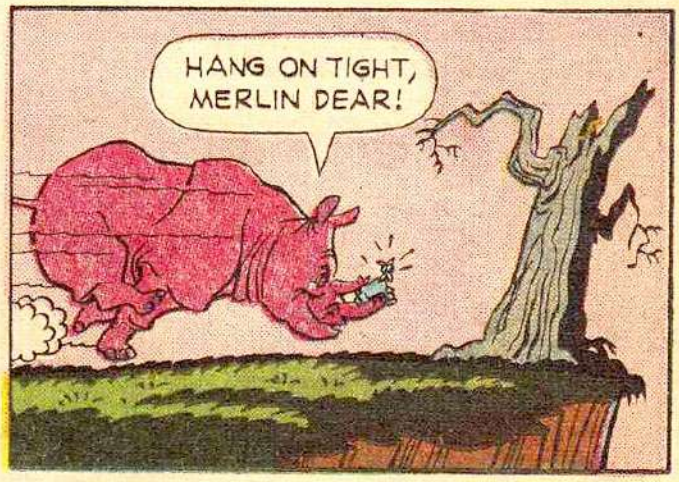
STUPID OLD FOOL! HOLES IN THE GROUND WERE JUST *MEANT* FOR SNAKES!

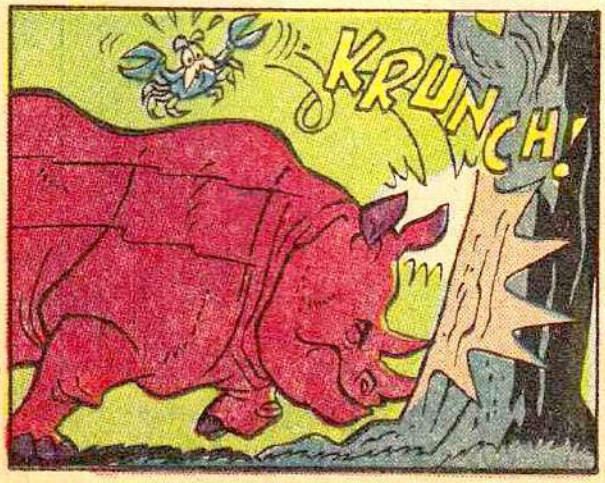
WHERE'D YOU GO, YOU OLD SNEAK?
POP!

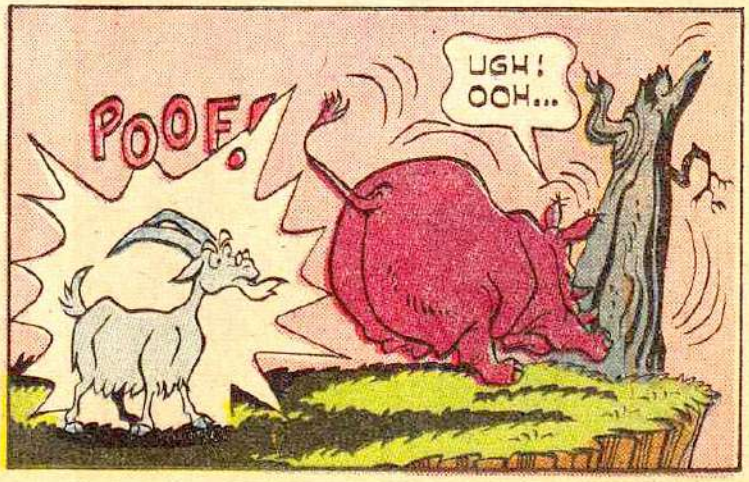

EEEK!
POOF!

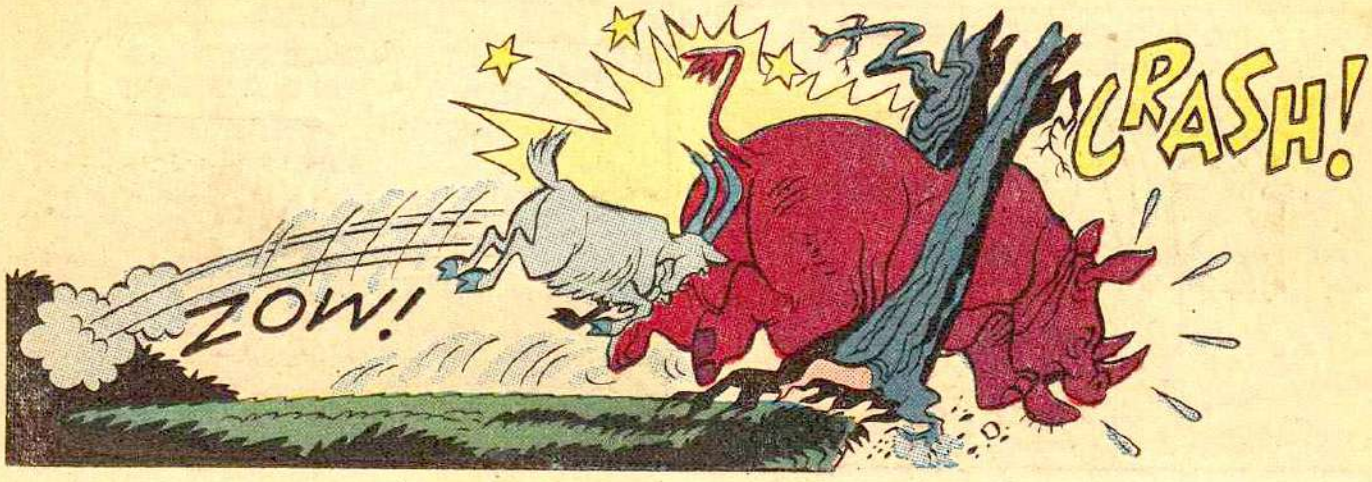
FOOP!
?
SO YOU WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, DO YOU?
CLACK!
RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU *ASKED* FOR IT!
!!
BR-R-ROOM!


HANG ON TIGHT, MERLIN DEAR!


KRUNCH!

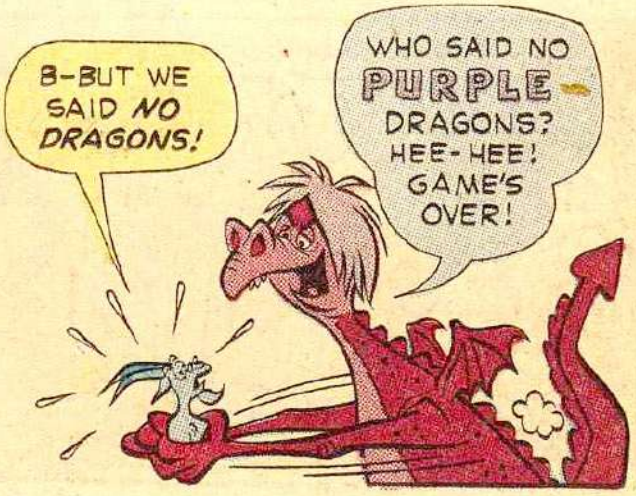

POOF!
UGH! OOH...

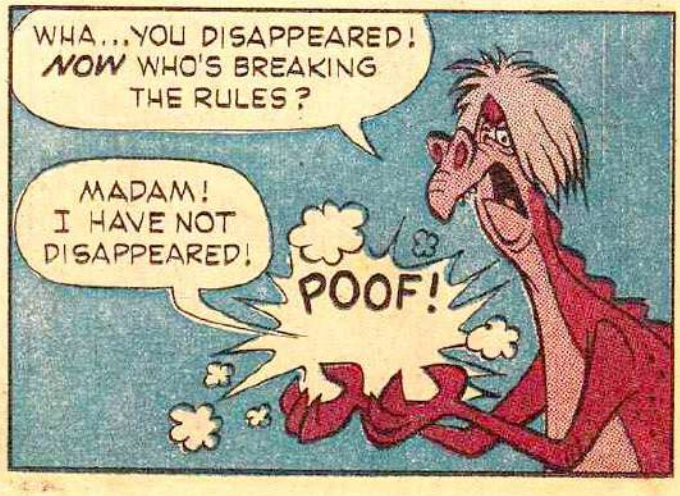

ZOW!
CRASH!

SPLASH!
GLUG!

HOW'S THAT FOR USING THE OLD HEAD?

THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!

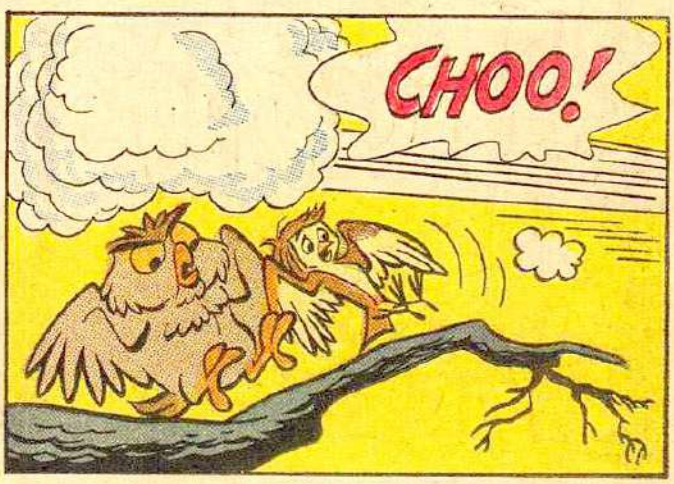

B-BUT WE SAID NO DRAGONS!
WHO SAID NO PURPLE DRAGONS? HEE-HEE! GAME'S OVER!


WHA...YOU DISAPPEARED! NOW WHO'S BREAKING THE RULES?
MADAM! I HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED!
POOF!

I TURNED INTO A GERM— A RARE DISEASE CALLED MALAGLEETEROPTEROSIS! AND YOU CAUGHT ME, MIM!
?

FIRST, YOU BREAK OUT IN SPOTS FOLLOWED BY HOT FLASHES AND VIOLENT SNEEZING!

OF ALL THE LOWDOWN UNDERHAND... AH-AH-AH...


CHOO!

IT'S NOT TOO SERIOUS! YOU'LL BE AS GOOD— I MEAN, AS BAD AS EVER IN A FEW WEEKS!
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!

WELL, WART, WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM ALL THAT?
GOOD ALWAYS WINS OVER EVIL!

ALWAYS? NO, IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE! EVIL IS SOMETIMES CRAFTY! KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM IS THE REAL POWER, SO STICK TO YOUR STUDIES, LAD!
OH, I WILL, SIR! I WILL!

CHAPTER 7
A Miracle Happens

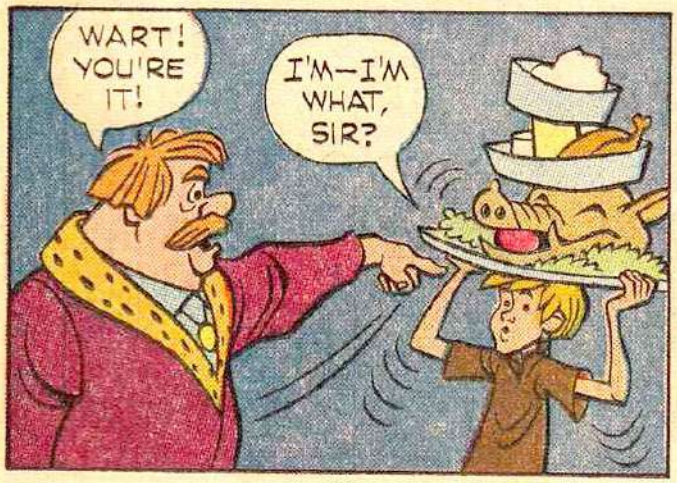
HERE'S TO VICTORY IN LONDON FOR MY SON, KAY!

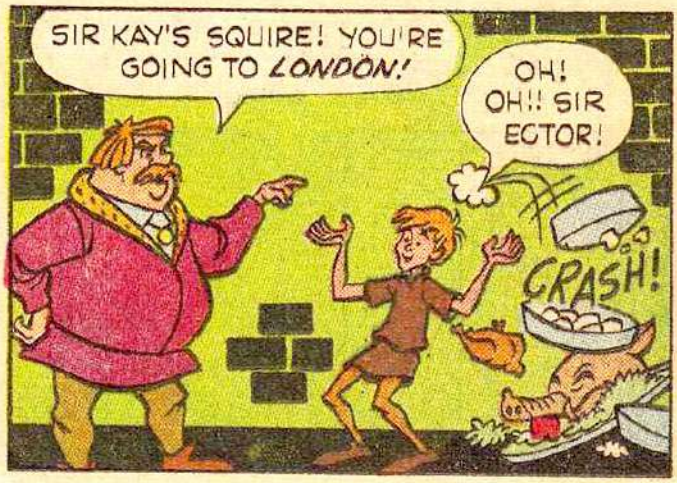
HEAR, HEAR!

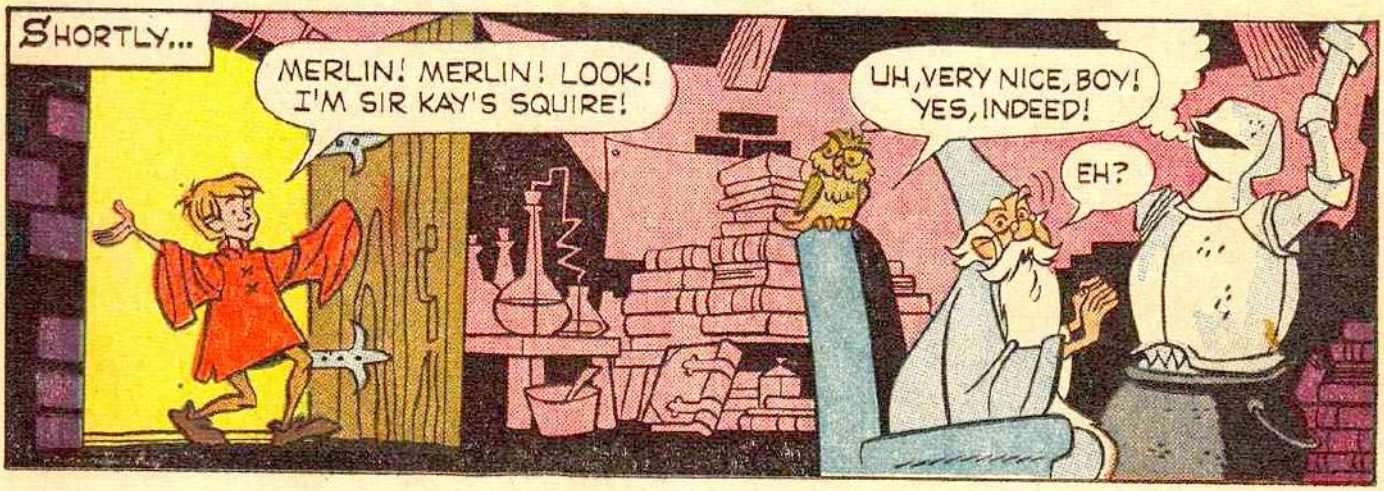
HUZZAH!

HURRAH!

YOUNG HOBS, SIR KAY'S SQUIRE, HAS COME DOWN WITH THE MUMPS! FACE ALL PUFFED LIKE A TOAD!
EGAD! THEN SIR KAY WILL NEED ANOTHER SQUIRE!


WART! YOU'RE IT!
I'M—I'M WHAT, SIR?

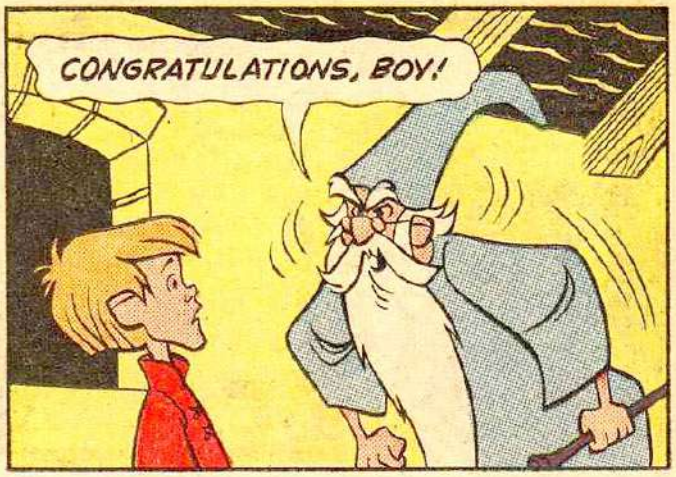

SIR KAY'S SQUIRE! YOU'RE GOING TO *LONDON!*
OH! OH!! SIR ECTOR!
CRASH!


SHORTLY...
MERLIN! MERLIN! LOOK! I'M SIR KAY'S SQUIRE!
UH, VERY NICE, BOY! YES, INDEED!
EH?

HMPH! A FINE MONKEY-SUIT FOR POLISHING BOOTS!
B-BUT IT'S WHAT ALL THE SQUIRES WEAR!

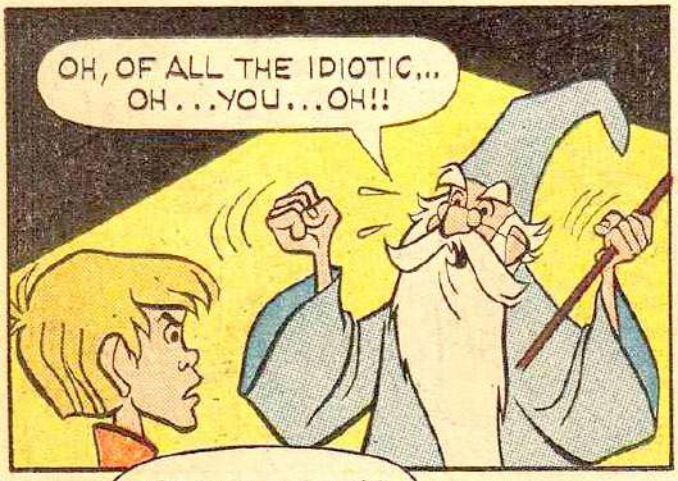
AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO AMOUNT TO SOMETHING! I THOUGHT YOU HAD A FEW *BRAINS!*

BUT, NO! YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE REST OF THESE MEDIEVAL MUTTONHEADS! A STOOGE FOR THAT BIG LUNK, KAY!
KICK!

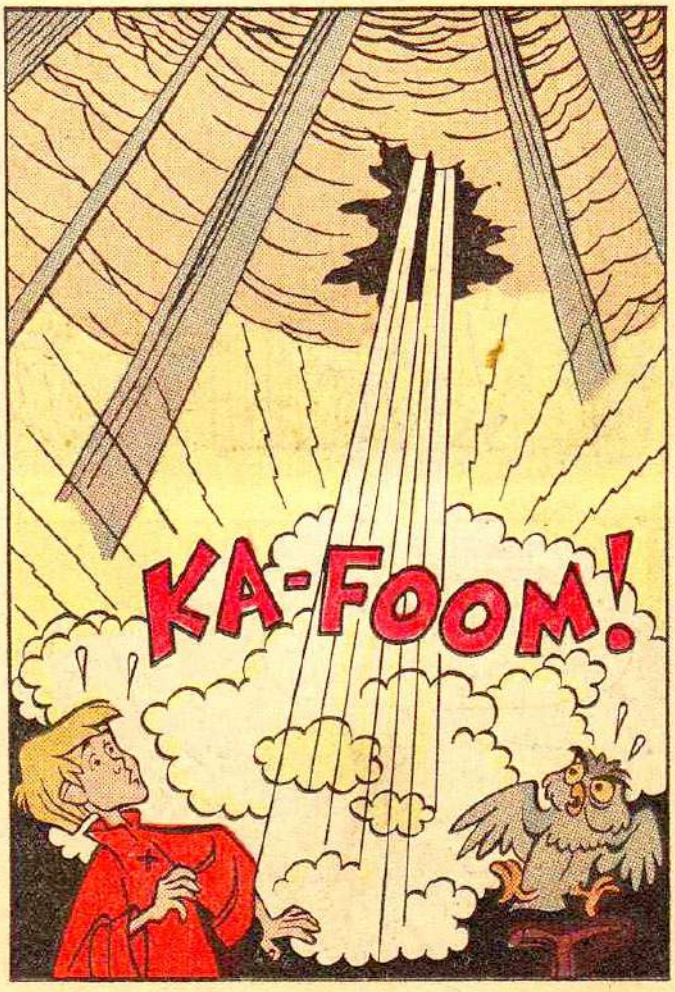

CONGRATULATIONS, BOY!

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO BE? I'M NOBODY! YOU-YOU DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY!

YOU LIVE A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE FUTURE! I'M LUCKY TO BE KAY'S SQUIRE!


OH, OF ALL THE IDIOTIC... OH...YOU...OH!!

BLAST ME TO BERMUDA!!


KA-FOOM!

WHERE DID HE GO?
BERMUDA, I SUPPOSE!
WHEEEEE!

WHERE'S THAT?
AN ISLAND WAY OFF SOMEWHERE THAT HASN'T BEEN DISCOVERED YET!

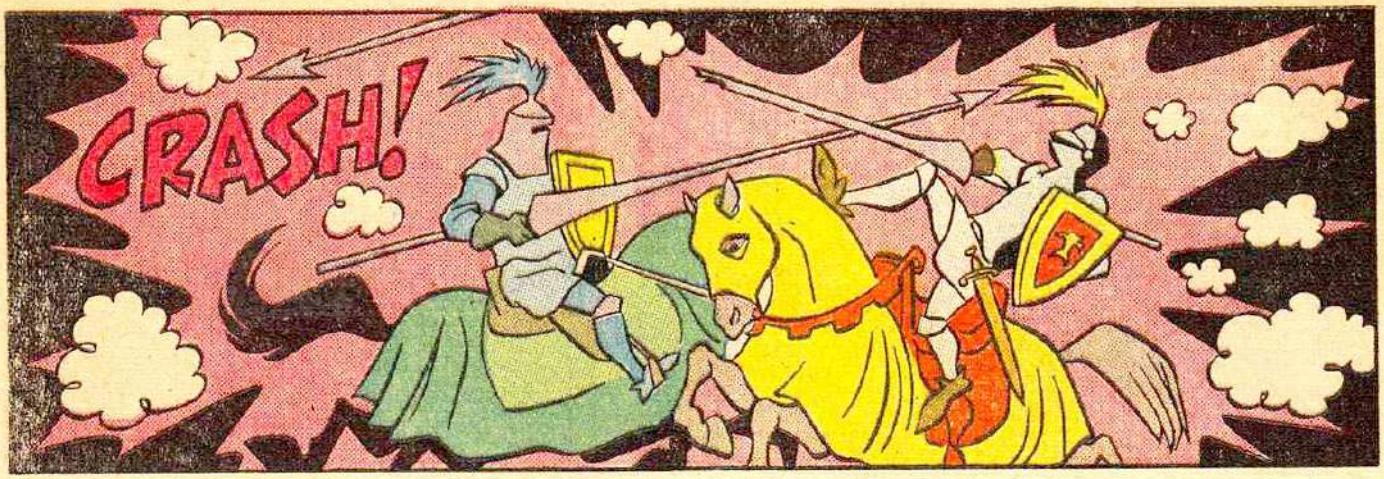
WILL HE EVER COME BACK?
WHO KNOWS? WHO KNOWS *ANYTHING?*

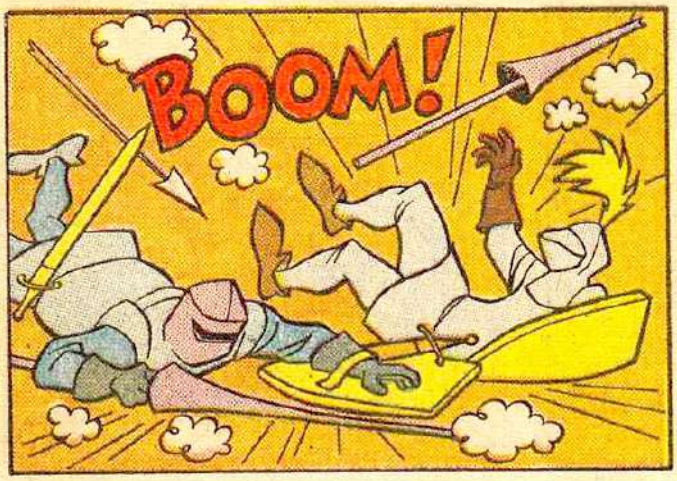
I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT HE'D BE PROUD AND I WAS HOPING HE'D GO TO LONDON WITH ME!
WART!

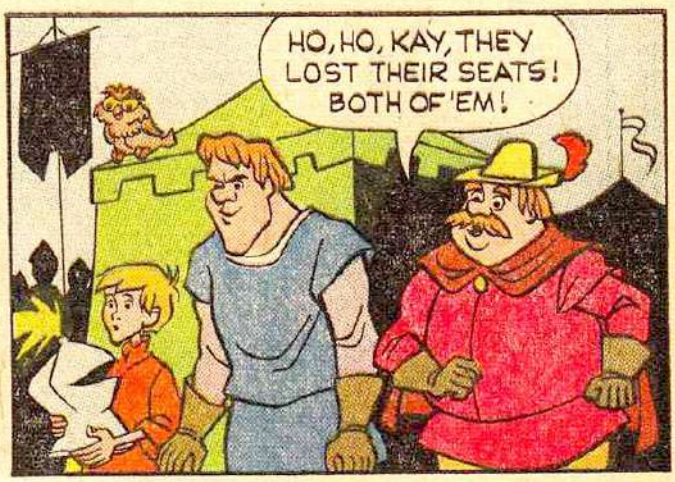
MIND IF I GO WITH YOU, SON? I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THOSE *TOURNAMENT* THINGS!

WHY, I'D *LOVE* FOR YOU TO GO, ARCHIMEDES! I *REALLY* WOULD!
HO, HO! YOU REALLY WOULD? GOOD!

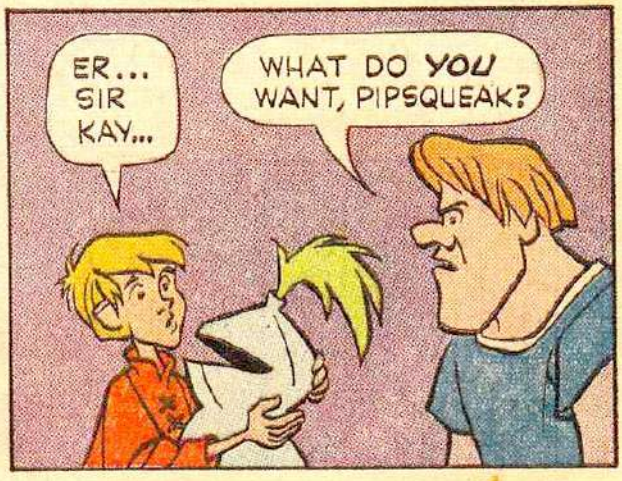
LATER, AT LONDON, THE TOURNAMENT IS REACHING ITS CLIMAX...


CRASH!


BOOM!


HO, HO, KAY, THEY LOST THEIR SEATS! BOTH OF 'EM!

NOW IT'S UP TO THE SWORDS, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU SHINE, LAD!
(GULP!) SWORDS? OH, NO!


ER... SIR KAY...
WHAT DO YOU WANT, PIPSQUEAK?

I-I FORGOT YOUR SWORD! I LEFT IT BACK AT THE INN!
WHAT?!!

WHY, YOU BUNGLING LITTLE FOOL! I'LL WRING YOUR NECK!
NO, PLEASE!

ARRGH!
I'LL GET IT! I'LL HAVE IT FOR YOU IN A MINUTE!

YOU BETTER, OR DON'T BOTHER TO COME BACK!

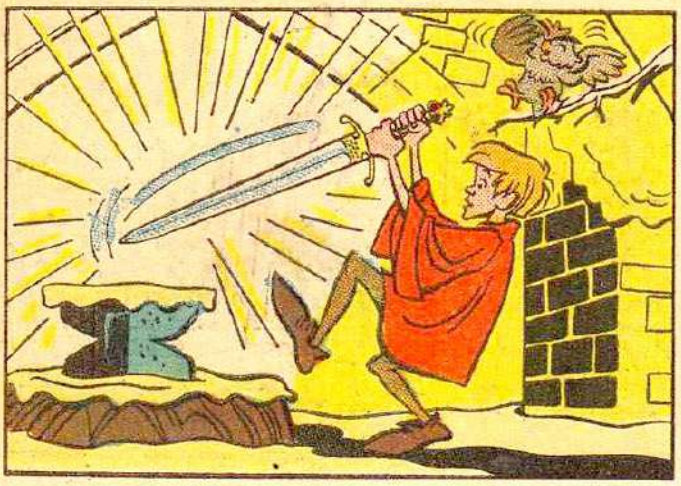
SHORTLY...
Inn
LET ME IN, SOMEBODY! PLEASE LET ME IN!
NO USE, BOY! THEY'VE ALL GONE TO THE TOURNAMENT!

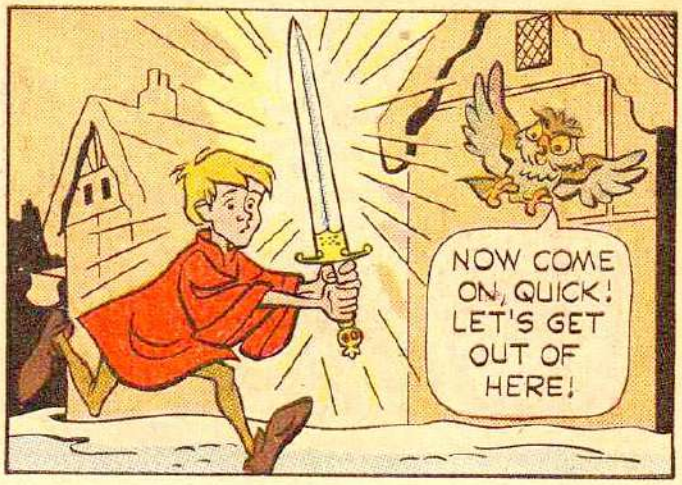
OH, WHAT'LL I DO? KAY'S GOT TO HAVE A SWORD!
WAIT! LOOK, BOY, IN THE CHURCHYARD!

WHY, IT'S A SWORD, ARCHIMEDES! A SWORD!

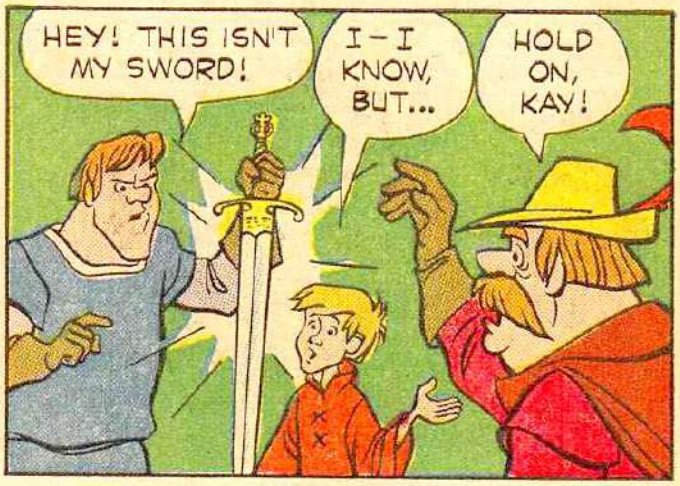
IT'S STUCK THROUGH AN ANVIL! YOU'LL HAVE A TIME PULLING IT OUT!

WATCH IT, BOY! IT'S GOT A STRANGE GLOW TO IT! BETTER LEAVE IT ALONE!
BUT KAY'S GOT TO HAVE A SWORD!



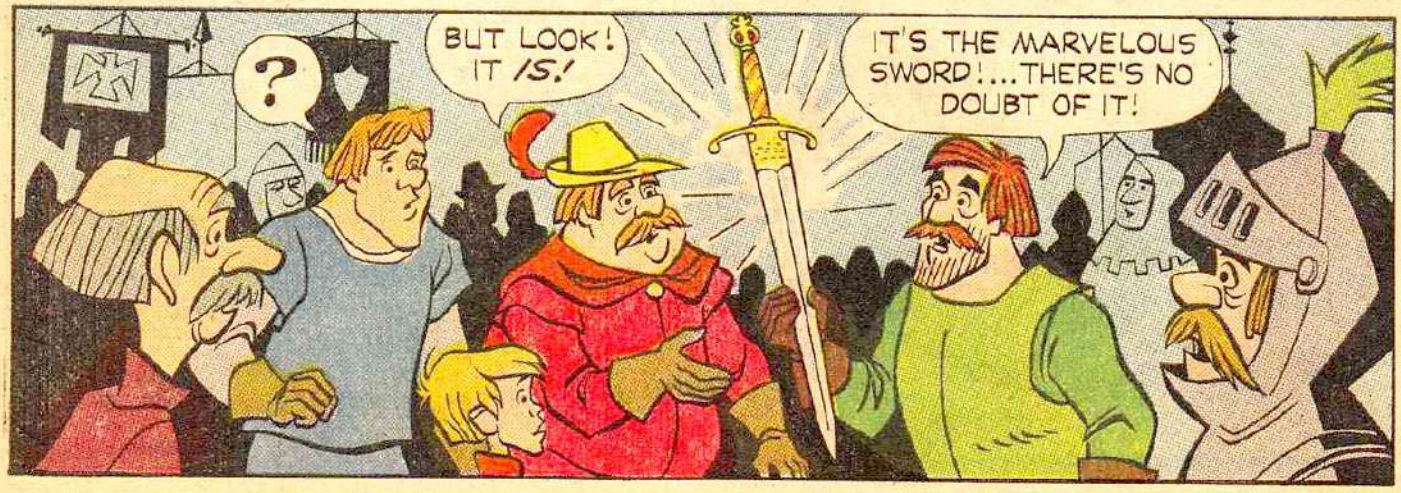

NOW COME ON, QUICK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

MINUTES LATER...
SIR KAY! HERE'S A SWORD!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!


HEY! THIS ISN'T MY SWORD!
I-I KNOW, BUT...
HOLD ON, KAY!

"WHOSO PULLETH OUT THIS SWORD..."!

IT-IT'S THE SWORD IN THE STONE!
THE SWORD IN THE STONE? IT CAN'T BE!


?
BUT LOOK! IT IS!
IT'S THE MARVELOUS SWORD!...THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT!

WHERE'D YOU GET IT, WART?
I-I PULLED IT OUT OF AN ANVIL THAT WAS ON A STONE IN A CHURCHYARD!

HA-HA-HO-HO! DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HAW! HAW!

VERY FUNNY! THE LAD'S A YOUNG HERCULES!
HO-HO!

YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OUT OF US! NOW TELL THE TRUTH!
B-BUT I DID, SIR!

THEN COME ON! PROVE IT! BACK TO THE STONE WITH YOU!

EVERYONE TO THE STONE! WE'VE GOT TO SEE THIS!

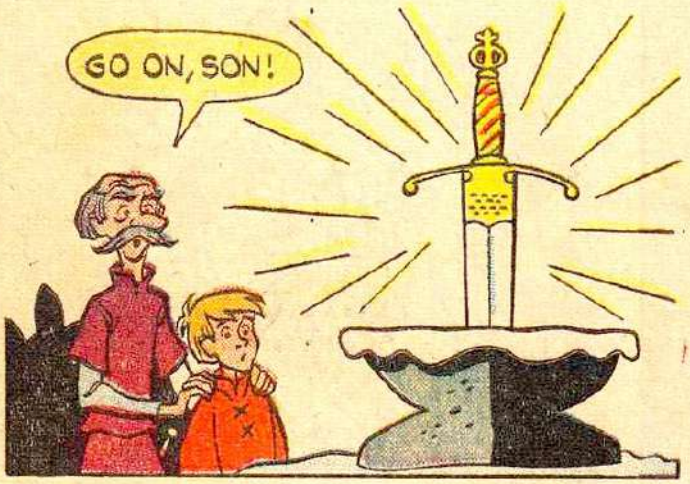
SO...
HO, HO!
I'VE PUT IT BACK! ALL RIGHT, BOY! LET'S HAVE THAT MIRACLE!
YES, SIR!

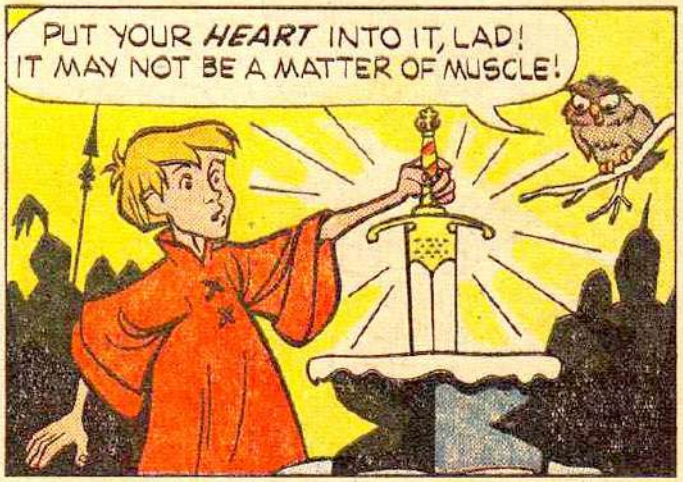
WAIT A MINUTE! ANYONE CAN PULL IT, ONCE IT'S BEEN PULLED!

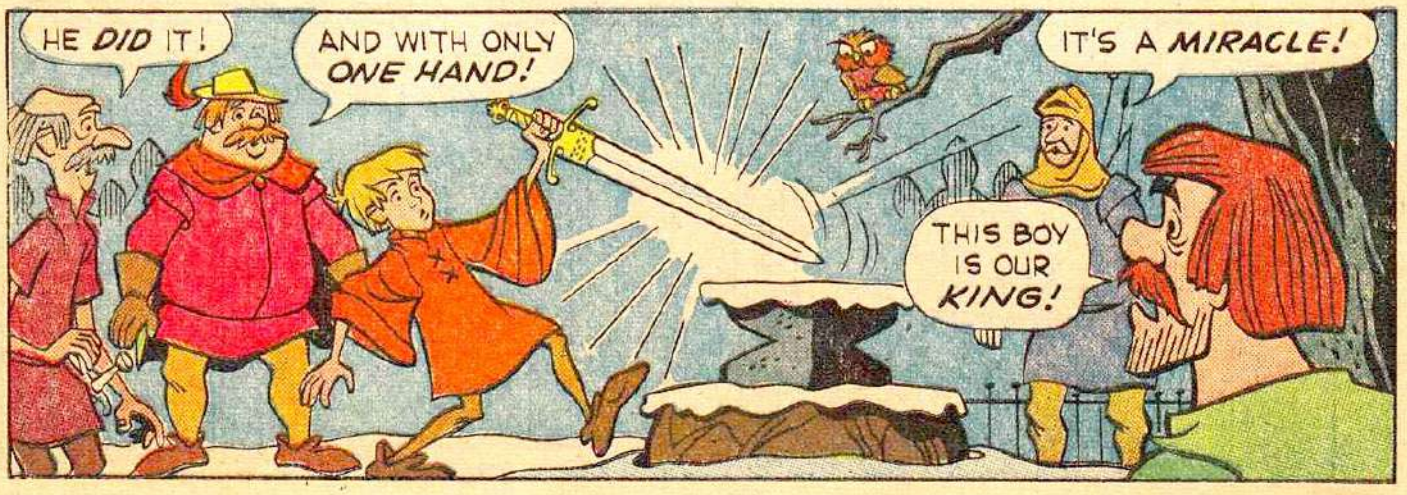
YOU GOT A POINT THERE, SON! GO TO IT! GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!
UGH!

PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT!
HOLD ON! THAT'S NOT FAIR—TWO OF YOU!

I SAY LET THE BOY TRY IT!
THAT'S RIGHT! GIVE THE BOY A CHANCE!


GO ON, SON!


PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT, LAD! IT MAY NOT BE A MATTER OF MUSCLE!

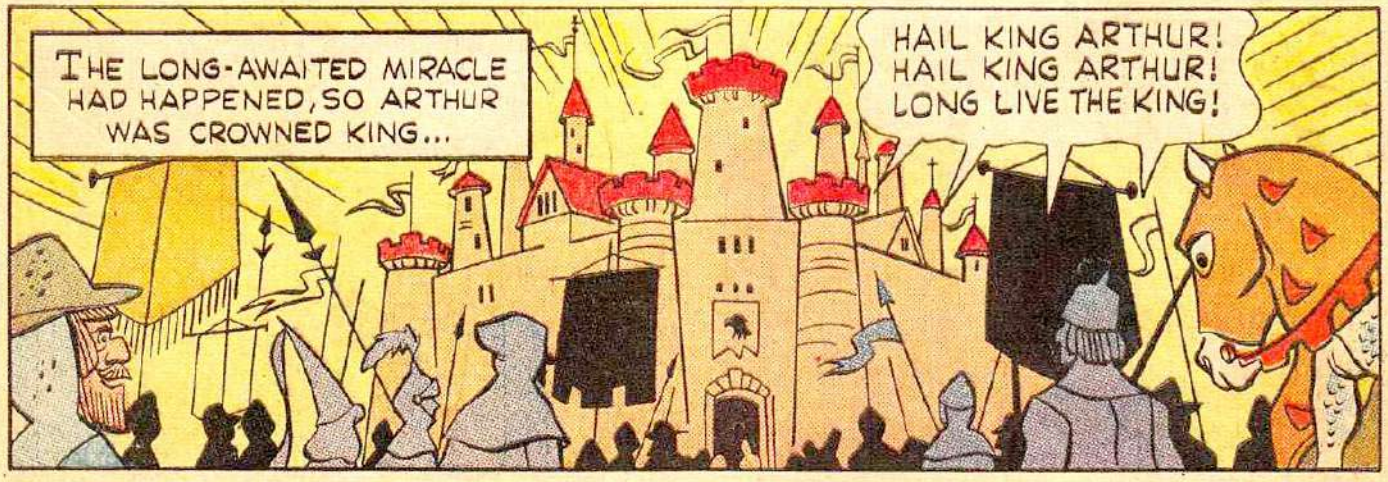

HE DID IT!
AND WITH ONLY ONE HAND!
IT'S A MIRACLE!
THIS BOY IS OUR KING!

ARCHIMEDES! WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?
KA-FOOM!

MERLIN! YOU'RE BACK FROM BERMUDA!
I HAD A FEELING WART WAS UP TO SOMETHING!

HE SURE IS! HE PULLED THE SWORD FROM THE STONE, SO HE'S THE *KING!*
ARTHUR!

KING ARTHUR! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE DAY HE DROPPED IN FOR TEA!


THE LONG-AWAITED MIRACLE HAD HAPPENED, SO ARTHUR WAS CROWNED KING...
HAIL KING ARTHUR! HAIL KING ARTHUR! LONG LIVE THE KING!

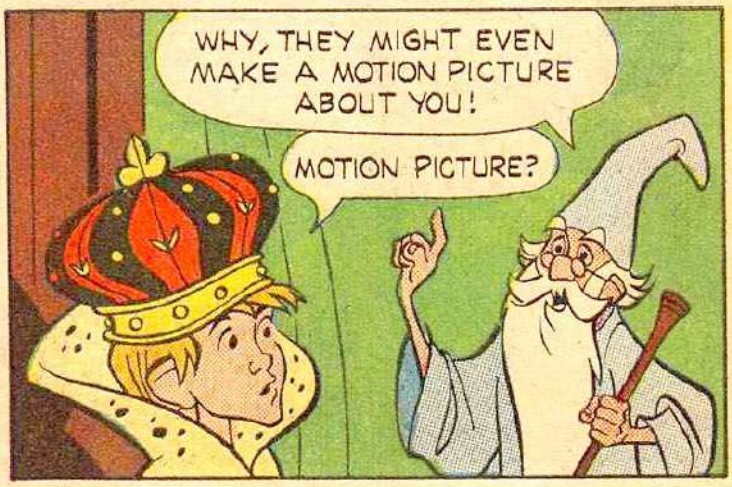
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RULE A COUNTRY, MERLIN!
DON'T WORRY, BOY! YOU'LL MAKE A *GREAT KING!*

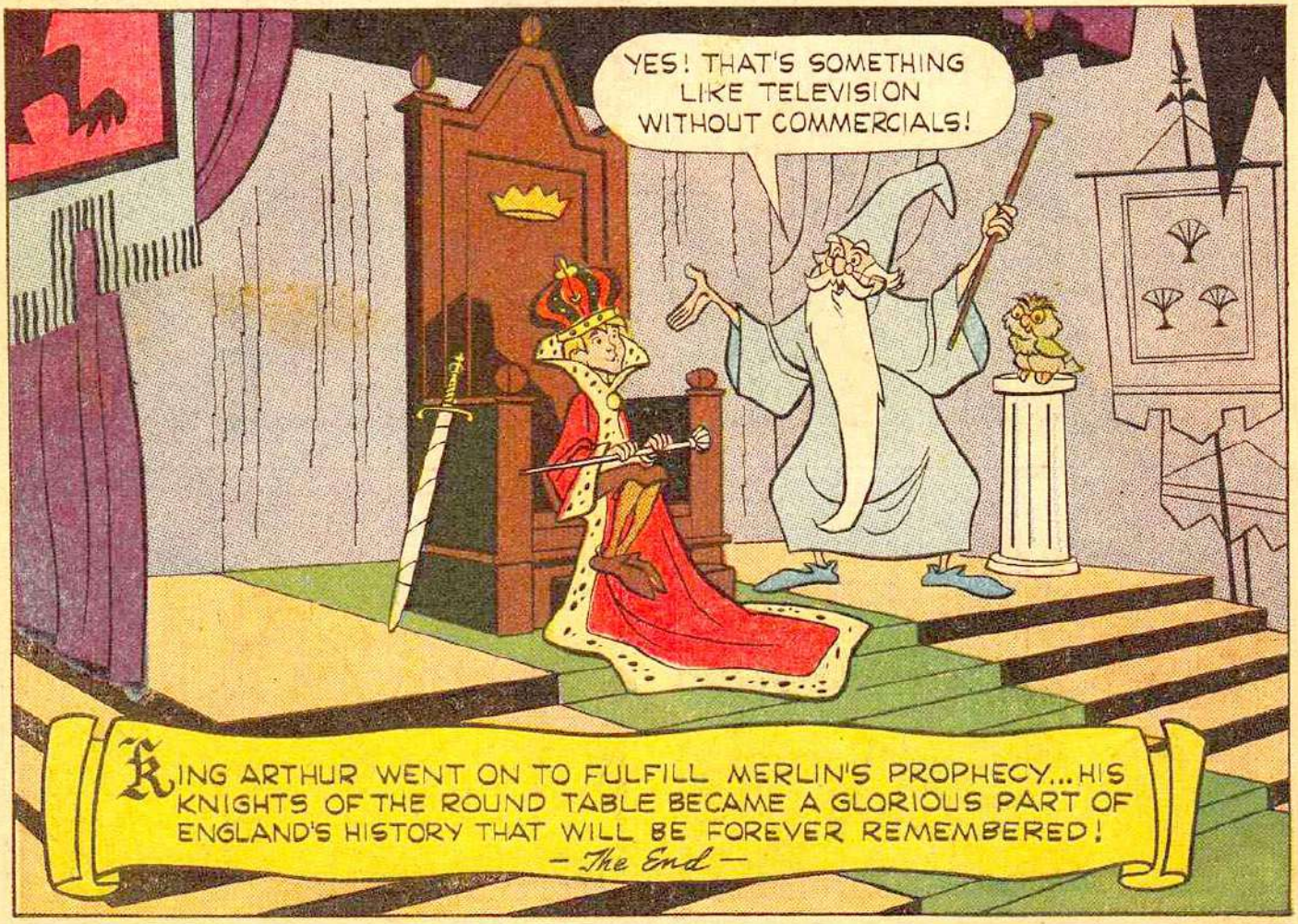
BESIDES, *I'LL* BE YOUR *ADVISOR!*
HOO-HOO! HE'LL *HAVE* TO BE A GREAT KING!

I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW! KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE!
ROUND TABLE?

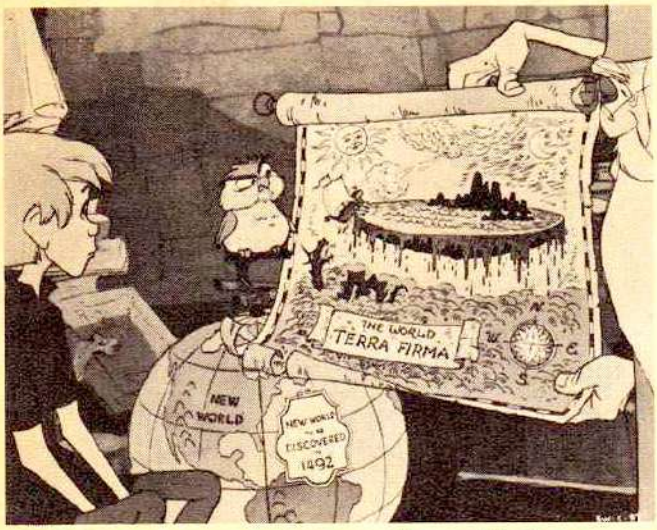
WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A SQUARE ONE?
OH, ROUND IS FINE!

WHY, BOY, YOU'LL BECOME A LEGEND! THEY'LL BE WRITING BOOKS ABOUT YOU FOR CENTURIES TO COME!


WHY, THEY MIGHT EVEN MAKE A MOTION PICTURE ABOUT YOU!
MOTION PICTURE?


YES! THAT'S SOMETHING LIKE TELEVISION WITHOUT COMMERCIALS!
KING ARTHUR WENT ON TO FULFILL MERLIN'S PROPHECY... HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE BECAME A GLORIOUS PART OF ENGLAND'S HISTORY THAT WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED!
— The End —

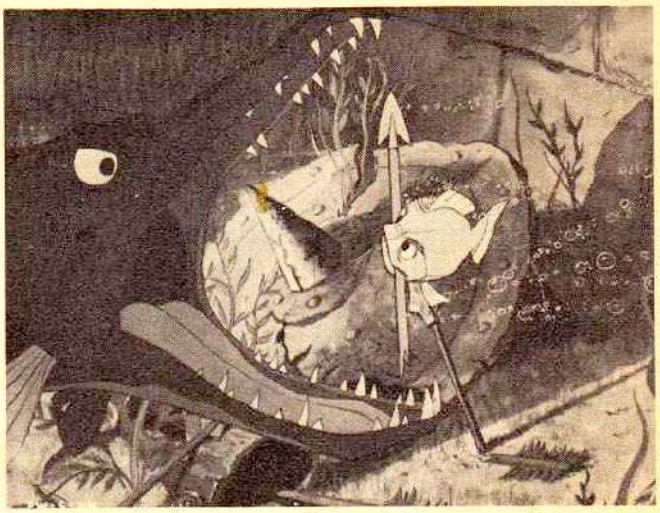
Scenes from Walt Disney's Motion Picture
THE SWORD IN THE STONE



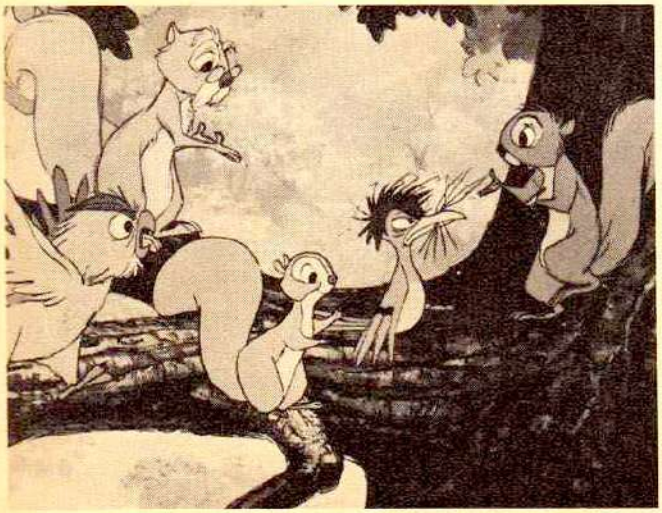
Wart learns of the outside world from Merlin, the Wizard.

Merlin and Wart depart on a strange adventure.

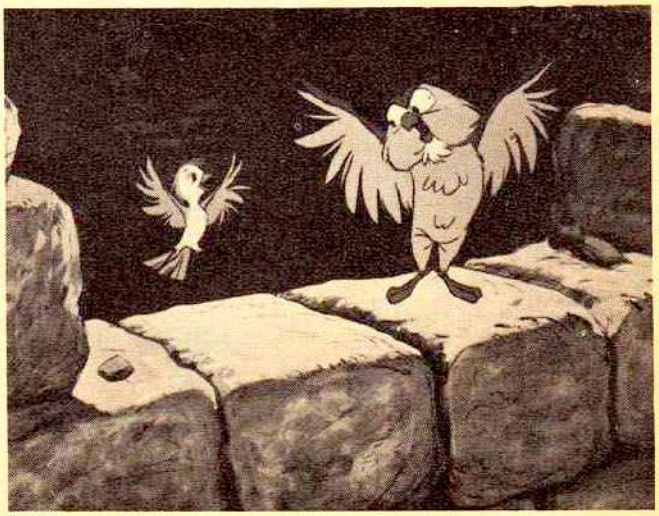
Merlin's magic wand causes amazing things to happen.



Wart becomes a fish and engages in underwater combat.



As a squirrel, he frolics with friends in the treetops.



As a bird, Wart gets tips on flying from Archimedes.

THE SWORD IN THE STONE PIN-UP